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Woodstock board eyes high-tech speed light

By ALISON ALOISIO

A flashing speed sign that also features a "stealth mode" for gathering data on speeding vehicles may be in Woodstock's future.

Selectmen heard a presentation last week by Mark Coupland of All Traffic Solutions, at the suggestion of Town Manager Vern Maxfield.

The flashing signs can be programmed to display the speed of each passing vehicle.

'Most of the time [reports of speeding] are perception. There's not true speeding on the road. But it still commits time and resources.'

MARK COUPLAND
All Traffic Solutions

cle, along with a message.

Such a sign is in use on a sharp curve on Route 2 in Rumford Point.

The sign flashes "Speed Too Fast for Curve" for drivers above the limit.

But the speed signs have other capabilities and uses, Coupland said.

Available software can also record the date, time and speed of every vehicle, providing valuable information on traffic patterns to towns

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Christmas is coming

THS'ers launch toy drive for kids of Honduras

By ALISON ALOISIO

The kids are incredible. They're very respectful, and they're happy with what they've got," said Telstar senior Kelsea Kuvaja.

Kuvaja is describing the children of Honduras. She and fellow-students Whitney Mills and Samantha Largess spent a week last month volunteering at a Honduran medical clinic.

Seniors Mills and Kuvaja, using their four years of Spanish

ish studies at Telstar, handed out medications provided by the doctors at the clinic and explained to patients how often they should take them.

Largess, a junior, took the opportunity to job shadow the clinic's doctor.

After their experience in the poor Latin American country, the three came home wanting to give the youngsters they met little more happiness this holiday season.

"They don't get much for Christmas," said Mills. "The things we don't use or need really came into focus when we got back."

So the girls started a toy drive, collecting items at the high school and going through their own belongings at home.

The trio plans to package and send what they gather to the kids.

Personally, said Kuvaja,

"I've got a lot of Beanie Babies."

And Mills isn't restricting her own contributions to toys. "I've got tons of clothes," she said.

As they collect their own items and those of their classmates, the girls are also turning to the community for help.

They hope people with items

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Several local merchants plan to have their doors open wide for Christmas shoppers Friday evening

By ALISON ALOISIO

Entertainment, sales, refreshments and other special promotions will be featured in the Bethel Village area Friday night as merchants try to lure local shoppers.

A "Local Holiday Shop-Around" starts at 4 p.m. and continues until 8 p.m.

The evening is part of a larger "Buy Local" campaign organized this year by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Businesses hope holiday shoppers who might otherwise travel out-of-town will

realize there are many items they can purchase in Bethel (see sidebar, Page 9, for a sample list compiled by the Chamber).

Among the entertainers who will be on hand are musicians Wendy Green, Connie St. Pierre, Jim McLaughlin, Ross Timberlake, Jewel

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Clark, Kathleen DeVore and Meredith Mink, Lynn Arizzi and Donny Katlin.

Santa Claus will also visit stores throughout the evening.

Other events include cookie-decorating, snowflake- and ornament-making and a fashion

show.

Shoppers may also enter to win \$100 worth of "Beth Bucks," redeemable at any participating businesses.

By getting a card stamped at five of the businesses, custom-

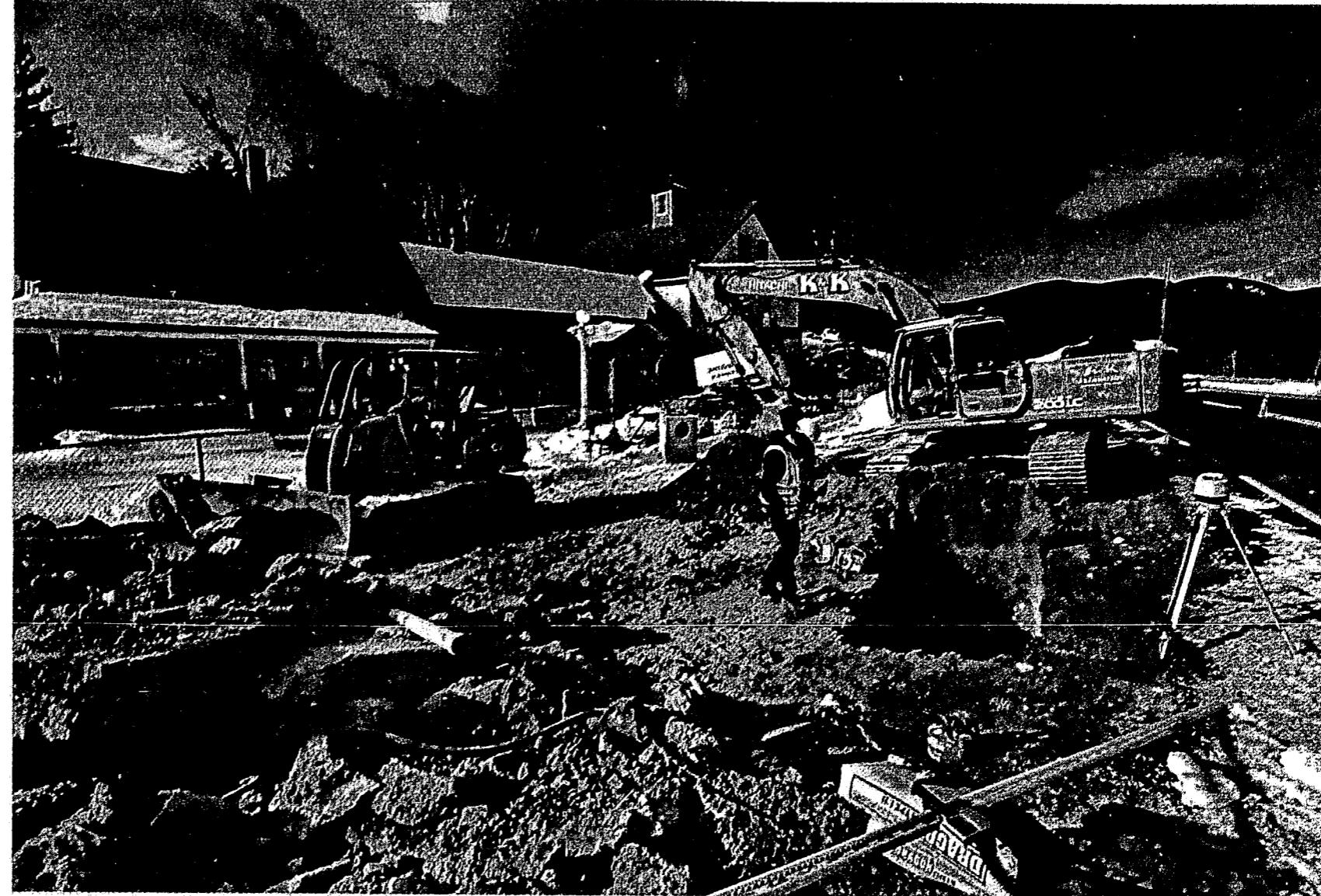
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Preparing to pack it in for the winter



Pack in, that is, work on the \$9 million project to bring a 2.19-mile stretch of Route 2 in Gilford up to current federal highway specifications. The project is part of a larger, \$42 million, effort to 'revamp' the entire stretch of Route 2 between Bethel and the New Hampshire state line. Here, a worker from K & K Excavation of Turner, general contractor on the project, inspects what will become a drainage culvert on the lower side of the road, in front of Rusty Cobweb Antiques in Gilford.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Route 2 to the west grows straighter, wider, safer

By MICHAEL DANIELS

With snow beginning to accumulate on the flats, and ice sheets thickening on the steeps, work is winding down for the winter on the Route 2 "corridor revamping" project between Bethel and the New Hampshire state line.

In late spring 2007, crews from K & K Excavation in Turner began work on the 2.19-mile section of road in Gilford — a stretch MDOT Project Manager Jim Ferguson calls "the most challenging section in this corridor."

The work is intended to bring the corridor up to current

federal standards for highway design, Ferguson said, "in terms of alignment, horizontal and vertical, re-

widening the road and putting in ditches — basically improving the quality of the road, making it safer."

between the railroad tracks and a steep side-slope that is part ledge and part glacial deposits," Ferguson said.

But the less stable glacial talus, "has to be restrained by other methods."

To passers-by the most conspicuous of those methods is the "Tecno Slope Stabilization System," which makes use of steel-mesh erosion-control mats, held in place by steel anchor rods driven into the soil and rock ledge.

Work on the current section was initially scheduled to conclude in June of next year, Ferguson said, "but we're now hoping this segment will be done by August or September."

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"We're threading a needle between the railroad tracks and a steep side-slope that is part ledge and part glacial deposits."

JIM FERGUSON
MDOT Project Manager, on the roadway worked on this year

moving hazards, straightening out the road, improving sight distances, removing obstacles from the clear zones (should you go off the road),

But in this case, the geology of the roadway makes that work particularly challenging.

"We're threading a needle

"Where you have rock it's a matter of removing the rock, which we can do, and you don't have stability issues," he said.

Master guide's book looks at Maine's wild, scenic side

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Wheeling and tromping across thousands of miles of Maine's remotest points, Tom Hanrahan has been to those pristine patches and plenty more. While he doesn't mind being alone, he doesn't want all million-plus acres of Maine public lands to himself.

At the request of the state Conservation Department, Hanrahan has written a book to introduce Mainers and visitors to the wild and breathtakingly scenic preserves with which few people — Mainers included — have more than a vague familiarity.

"We want people to know about these places and to go and enjoy them," said Hanrahan, a Princeton graduate whose resume includes New York City boxing writer and inmate advocate at Maine State Prison. "They're public, forever. Forever is a very strong word, but these are locked up forever."

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Letters

LIVING NATIVITY CASTING CALL

To the Editor:

Well, it is that time of the year again in which we as a community celebrate the Christmas season in many ways. Country Christmas in Bethel, school programs, church services, caroling, business and family open houses, and the annual Living Nativity, presented on the Common by the people of the community. It is a wonderful opportunity that this community still affords itself, to quietly remember the foundational meaning of Christmas amidst all the hustle and bustle of everything else that has become part of the celebration. How refreshing. How appropriate. What a joyful thing to gather the community around for at this special season of the year.

So, this is the annual call to all who would like to get involved in the presentation again (or for the first time) this year. It takes a lot of people to "pull it off," and we would like to include everyone. We need shepherds, wise men, angels (big and small) and others who can work together with others to fill the cast. We also need community choir members who will sing in the gazebo. Finally, we are also in need of animals (the four-legged kind), sheep, goats, cows or any farm animals. If anyone would like to be involved at any of these levels, preparation will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. So, come, don a costume, grab a shepherd's staff, put on a king's crown, or grow some angel wings and a halo (if for but a short time). We also need a crowd to watch, listen and sing, so come and be a part of this special community expression Christmas celebration. The presentation will begin at 5 p.m. on the common, next to the gazebo.

If anyone has questions, or would like to let us know of willingness to help in advance, please call (or leave a message) at 824-2289, Bethel Alliance Church. We'll see everyone on the Bethel Common on the 21st. Merry Christmas!

For more information, call me at 824-2714 or Nancy Bellinger at 824-4567.

Drew Webster
Chair, Living Nativity

WINTERFEST 2009

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber is planning for our Bethel WinterFest 2009 and making every effort to keep the positive energy we created with the building of the World's Tallest SnowWoman alive this winter.

Many have asked if the chamber was going to attempt another huge project this winter. We have contracted with the Maine Snow & Ice Sculpture Foundation to build several professional snow and ice sculptures on the Bethel Common under a 140-foot tent, with pre-site work to begin next week. The total event time frame will be from preliminary set-up on Dec. 15 to event finale on Jan. 19.

In order for this project to be successful, we are seeking various kinds of hands-on volunteer help to be a part of the Bethel WinterFest 2009 team. Anyone who might like to help is invited to a Volunteer Rally at the Chamber Office on Wednesday, Dec. 17, from 4 to 7 pm. Refreshments, sign-up sheets, and job descriptions will be available. Job duties include everything from "snow stompers" and shoveling, site clean up and maintenance, small equipment operators, snowperson decorating, to ticket sales personnel and more. All volunteers will be invited to the VIP reception on Friday, Jan. 9, before the tent is open to the public. If you are interested in helping and cannot make the rally, please call the chamber office 824-2282. If you have the time and interest in helping next week before the volunteer rally, we have a few jobs to fill on Dec. 15, 16 and 17. Call us.

The Chamber is seeking businesses or individuals who might like to help sponsor one of the snow or ice sculptures. Sunday River Ski Resort has already stepped up to be the Tent Sponsor, and we invite others to inquire as to how they might benefit from this partnership opportunity. Please contact the office for more information on the costs and benefits.

The Bethel WinterFest 2009 event theme is "Four Seasons of Outdoor Fun!" The Canadian Snow Sculpture Champions are going to help us create another wonderful winter event and we'd like everyone to have the opportunity to be a part of it. We encourage the area non-profits and businesses to develop mini-events of their own within this time period that we can add to the list of WinterFest activities. Plan to come to the chamber office on Dec. 17 and let us know how you would like to help.

Bethel WinterFest Planning Committee:
Steve Etheridge, Lynn Wilson, Colleen Files,
Roger Beaudoin, Caroline Ochtera, Robin Zinchuk

THANKS, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS

To the Editor:

To all our friends and neighbors who have offered expressions of caring and support in our time of loss: we sincerely thank you. This has been a time of celebrating a long, happy life, not just of grieving, and all your words of comfort have eased the pain of missing Dad, while recognizing our gratitude for his presence in our lives.

We have many years of happy memories and shared joys. Thank you for being a part of our celebration.

Norm and Sylvia Clanton
Bethel

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO

To the Editor:

In recent years, Americans have become accustomed to associating the word "hero" with American soldiers that have served our country by fighting in wars. However, in my thinking, hero incorporates many character traits besides that of the warrior. Integrity, determination, altruism and compassion, embracing a world vision that includes the rights of all people, respect/love for, and a need to protect our beautiful blue-green planet, a willingness to seek peacemaking, "justice for all," and a deep abiding humility, are some of the attributes that come to mind.

We have just elected a future President who embodies all of the above qualities, and who is attempting to bring out the best in us, as both a people and a country. This is a man who inspires many with his vision of hope, a man who uses inclusive language to bind all races and ethnic groups into one United States of America, is himself the product of two of those races, and one who uses his background to create a bridge into a future that celebrates cultural diversity and change.

Our President-elect recognizes that all of us are standing at the crossroads and he earnestly seeks our support so that we might move forward as a people united in their purpose to save our country, and ultimately our planet. Obama is only too aware that this undertaking will take years, so he asks for our patience, even as he challenges America to begin to live the promises she has already made.

"We the people" have called for change, and now we must be willing to embrace it.

Sara Wright
Greenwood

SENIOR PLAYERS THANKS

To the Editor:

First and foremost I congratulate the 18 members of our Senior Player Troupe for outstanding performances on Nov. 22 and 23. After six seasons, individually and as a group, they have grown to be first-rate entertainers.

We appreciate all the community members who came to the performances and who gave us such superb audience response. For those of you unable to attend, you don't want to miss this vital part of our community at their next performance.

I was delighted to see the responses to our performance in last week's Citizen. All are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Don Bennett, our very fine columnist, for recognizing and including us in the Bethel column. And yes "we were having a Senior moment and loving every minute of it." Senior theatres have grown in number from 78 in 1999 to over 400 this year. Scripts-in-hand theatre is increasingly popular as it allows seniors who might otherwise shy away from theatre to be enthusiastic participants. As the back of our program also indicated everything that other theatre groups do is part of our activity such as character development, following stage directions and using props. Senior theatre is also flexible enough to adapt to the physical challenges of some of our seniors. Incidentally many of our seniors do memorize but only as they feel comfortable to do so. Come and see us next time for a promised enjoyable experience!

I encourage everyone to support not only the Senior Players but all of our theatre and performing groups in the community. Viva La Arts in Bethel!

Lynn Arizzi
Director, Western Mountains Senior Players

'PUB TRIVIA' THANKS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who has played "Pub Trivia" during the last few months. We have had a lot of friendly competition between the participants who donate \$1 to play, the winners choosing a local charity at the end of each game. Since the beginning of June we have distributed \$1,055 to various nonprofit organizations in the area.

In particular I would like to thank Helen Davis for her wonderful job as Question Master and for her "diplomacy" in handling disputes arising from U.K. and U.S. interpretations of the correct answers!

I would also like to thank Chris Davies for his score keeping and money collecting duties.

We have all had a lot of fun and I truly appreciated it when I saw locals and visitors team up to enjoy the evening.

During the winter we shall be playing once a month.

Jenni Fredricks,
The Jolly Drayman at the Briar Lea Inn

A VERY HUMBLE THANK YOU

To the Editor:

As most of you know by now I was recently hospitalized for 11 days for left-side congestive heart failure. I am home now but not out of the woods. However, the prognosis looks promising, that is if I behave, and for me that might be difficult, but I plan to give it my best shot. Having said that, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my family and friends who visited me or stopped by, and called every day to make sure I was doing all right. I especially want to thank all of my friends who took time out of their busy lives to send me e-mails, send cards, get well wishes, and have kept me in their hearts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

I have been deeply touched with your concern and continuing generosity, your offers to get me places, and offers of help when I might need something done. I wish I could thank each and every one of you personally, but I guess this forum will have to do for now. Again, from the bottom of my heart, a very humble thank you to you all.

Jim Lowe
Bethel

BUSINESS AND HOME EXPO THANKS

To the Editor:

The second annual Bethel Area Business and Home Expo was an incredible success due to the support of so many businesses and volunteers. We need to take the time to thank each of them publicly, for the time and resources they provided to this wonderful community event.

First, we need to thank Stanley Furniture and Appliances, as well as their partner, Moosehead Furniture, for believing in this event and being our Presenting Sponsor. Additional and significant support was provided by: The Sun Media Group, Turner Publishing, Northeast Bank Financial Services, W.J. Wheeler & Co., Inc., Norway Savings Bank, Rumford Hospital, Key Bank, Hancock Lumber, and Maine Made Furniture. These companies all believe that a partnership with our chamber is both good for them and good for our region.

Our host was Telstar Regional High School. Their cooperation and willingness to work with us on the facility use was tremendous testimonial to their desire to partner with the business community. Thanks also to Gould Academy for the continued use of their tables and chairs. Our sincerest gratitude is due to Ivory Currier, our wonderful electrician, as well as his "crew," Blake McKay, Al Summer, and John Holliday.

The participation in the event represented a cross section of the business community here in western Maine. Many thanks to the following for their investment in the show: All Doyles Cleaning Service/Harvest Carpentry; Andree Kehn Wedding Photography; Apple Tree Realty/Sessions & Associates; CPAs; PC; Arbe's Carpet and Tile; Bethel Rotary Club; Bryant Pond 4-H Camp; Carol Savage Photography; Classic Pet Beds; Computer Solutions of Maine; D. Lynne Maxfield-Cole; Divine Details; DNK Technologies; Goodwin Well and Water; H & R Block; Hanover Ironworks; Hebron Academy; Highland Mortgage; The HomeTeam Inspection Service; Kelly O. Newkirk, CPA; PC; Key Bank; Mahoosuc Kids Association; Maine Energy Systems; Maine Line Products; Maine Made Furniture; Mollyocket Motel/Crosstron Restaurant; New England Forestry; North Country Wellness; Northeast Bank; Norway Savings Bank; Oxford County Medical Reserves; Oxford Hills SCORE; Perennial Inn/Avon; R.E.A.C.H.; River View Timeshare Trust; Rumford Hospital; Salem Stoneworks; Schiavi Home Builder; Specialty Timberworks; Stanley Home Products; Stanley's Furniture and Appliance/Moosehead Furniture; Sun Media; Sunday River Alpacas; Sunday River Gems; Sunday River Ski Resort; True North Adventureware; Turner Publishing; W.J. Wheeler Insurance; Walk On; Western Maine Cultural Alliance; Western Maine Insurance; and Western Maine Supply.

The event was planned to coincide with the Taste of Bethel and our Theme Wreath Auction, which have a proven "track record" of attracting hundreds of visitors. Many thanks to the following businesses for their participation in those two events: BBQ Bob's Real Pit Barbecue; Bethel's Best Pizza Grille & Dairy Bar; The Bethel Inn Resort; Crossroads Diner; Crossstone Restaurant; Good Food Store; Homeslice Pizza; Rooster's Roadhouse; S. S. Milton; Sudbury Inn; Sunday River Brewing Company; The Victoria Inn & Restaurant and wreath-makers: Agren Appliance, All Doyles Cleaning Service, Austin's Holidae House B&B, The Bethel Citizen, Bethel Historical Society, The Bethel Inn Resort, Carol Savage Photography, Earth Design Associates, Ellie's and Andy's Workout Express, Key Bank, Magic Falls Rafting Company; Matterhorn Ski Bar; Norway Savings Bank; Pat's Pizza; Pleasant River Campground; Pooh Corner Farm and Greenhouses; RE/MAX In The Mountains; River View Resort; Rooster's Roadhouse; S. S. Milton; Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center; Sunday River Real Estate; Sunday River Ski Resort; Timeless Treasures and Flowers; and Townsend Real Estate.

An event of this type requires the hands-on help and support of dozens of willing volunteers. A huge thanks to: Dave Freiday, Susan Newkirk, Jamie and Ali Steven and friends, Pearl Ivey, Stephanie Corriveau, Shirley and Bruce Powell, Joyce Roma, Ellie Andrews, Lawrence and Marcia Foster-Austin, Ellen Crocker, Al and Jackie Cressy, Gary Coyne, Bob McCartney, Willa Stevens, Susan Herlihy, Sam and Karen Saito, Kamil Sahn, Read Dickinson and the organizing committees and the chamber staff for helping to make this combined event another wonderful annual tradition.

Make sure to mark your calendars for Dec. 5, 2009, when we will be gathering in the same place.

The Bethel Area Business & Home Show Committee: Colleen Files, Lynn Saxton, Kelly Newkirk, Mike Steven, Jim Bennett, Andrew Wheeler, Lloyd Sweetser, Susan Driscoll and Robin Zinchuk

Our

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Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Town of Bethel Recreation Board was seeking volunteers to assist with flooding and maintaining a skating rink on the Common.

The Mahoosuc Music Makers presented their 4th annual Christmas Concert at the West Parish Congregational Church.

The annual "Taste of Bethel" drew a large crowd to sample the offerings of area restaurants.

Birth: Elijah Philip Mason.

Deaths: Robert E. Billings, Gregory Scott Tyler, Marc D. Brown, Raymond J. Mack, Esther E. Stearns, Sheila M. Verrill, Nicholas D. Clements.

20 years ago: General Properties of Portland presented their plans for a proposed shopping center at the corner of Bridge and Cross streets to the Bethel Planning Board.

The Newry Mothers Club held their annual Christmas party at the home of Peggy Wight with 16 members present.

After a 21-game losing streak the Telstar Rebels basketball team broke into the win column defeating Carrabec, 81-76.

Births: Chelsey Mae Brown, Kara Elaine Thurlow, Andrew Roy Mills.

Deaths: Muriel G. Abbott, Mildred Powell, Carroll Akers.

30 years ago: The Bethel Area Health Center started operations in the former Thomas Brown residence on lower Main Street.

Sunday River Ski Touring Center was open for the season with a majority of its 25 miles of trails adequately snow covered for fine early ski touring.

Over 200 were in attendance at the Rotary's Christmas Ball held at Bethel Inn. Gordon Howe and his orchestra provided music.

Births: Colin James Robins, Alyssa Rae Howe, Bethany Louise Howe, Cathy Lee Morgan.

40 years ago: The Senior Citizens held their annual Christmas party at Garland Chapel with 65 members present.

Birth: Joseph Ernest Bordeau.

Deaths: Philip S. Chapman, Henry T. Roberts, John Douthwright.

50 years ago: The Bethel Lions Club celebrated their 30th anniversary with Ladies Night held at the Hotel Rumford. Charter members Henry Boyker, Dr. E.L. Brown, Dr. S.S. Greenleaf and Hugh D. Thurston were honored.

Gen. James D. Alger was awarded the Philippine Legion of Honor for his "untiring efforts and invaluable help" to the Philippine Expeditionary Force in Korea.

Sheriff James Lassiter spoke at the December meeting to the P.T.A. at Crescent Park School.

Deaths: Elmer J. Stearns, Mrs. Linnie M. Stearns.

60 years ago: The organizational meeting of the Bethel Ski and Outing Club was held

Route 2

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Workers install a covering of "Tec-co Slope Stabilization System," on crumbling ledge along Route 2 in Gilead.

(Photo: MDOT)

ber."

A contiguous section to the west, roughly two miles long, is scheduled to go out to bid Dec. 17.

That section is expected to require about a year and a half

to complete, Ferguson said.

The cost of revamping the 2.19-mile section is \$9 million. Funds for such projects come from federal (80 percent) and state (20 percent) highway funds, said MDOT Spokesman

Mark Latti.

"Basically its gas tax money," Latti said.

And the current economic downturn is not expected to affect work on the upcoming two-mile project, Ferguson

said.

"We're really working full steam ahead on getting this project out," he said. "Money has been set aside to fund the project and it's in our schedule."

Speed

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and law enforcement, he said. The sign can be used with or without the speed display. In "stealth mode," (without the display) the sign simply records the information.

Pinpointing complaints

Coupland said when citizens call to complain that vehicles are speeding on their road, the sign can be placed to gather data.

"Most of the time [reports of speeding] are perception," said Coupland. "There's not

true speeding on the road. But it still commits time and resources."

If the data gathered proves that, the complaining citizen can be informed, he said.

But if speeding is a problem, "you can give it to the police and say 'I've identified my problem. These are the days and times that we need you to do some enforcement.' It's not a wild fishing trip," Coupland said.

He said that even though some signs may not video vehicles, in some cases officials

of different places," said selectman Rick Young.

Maxfield suggested the sharp corner in Bryant Pond Village, the Gore Road and the Old County Road.

Costs

The signs can cost between \$3,100 and \$5,700, depending on the model and features. A video camera option is available, Coupland said.

He said that even though some signs may not video vehicles, in some cases officials

have been able to use the other data gathered to determine the identity.

Also attending last week's meeting was West Paris Town Manager John White.

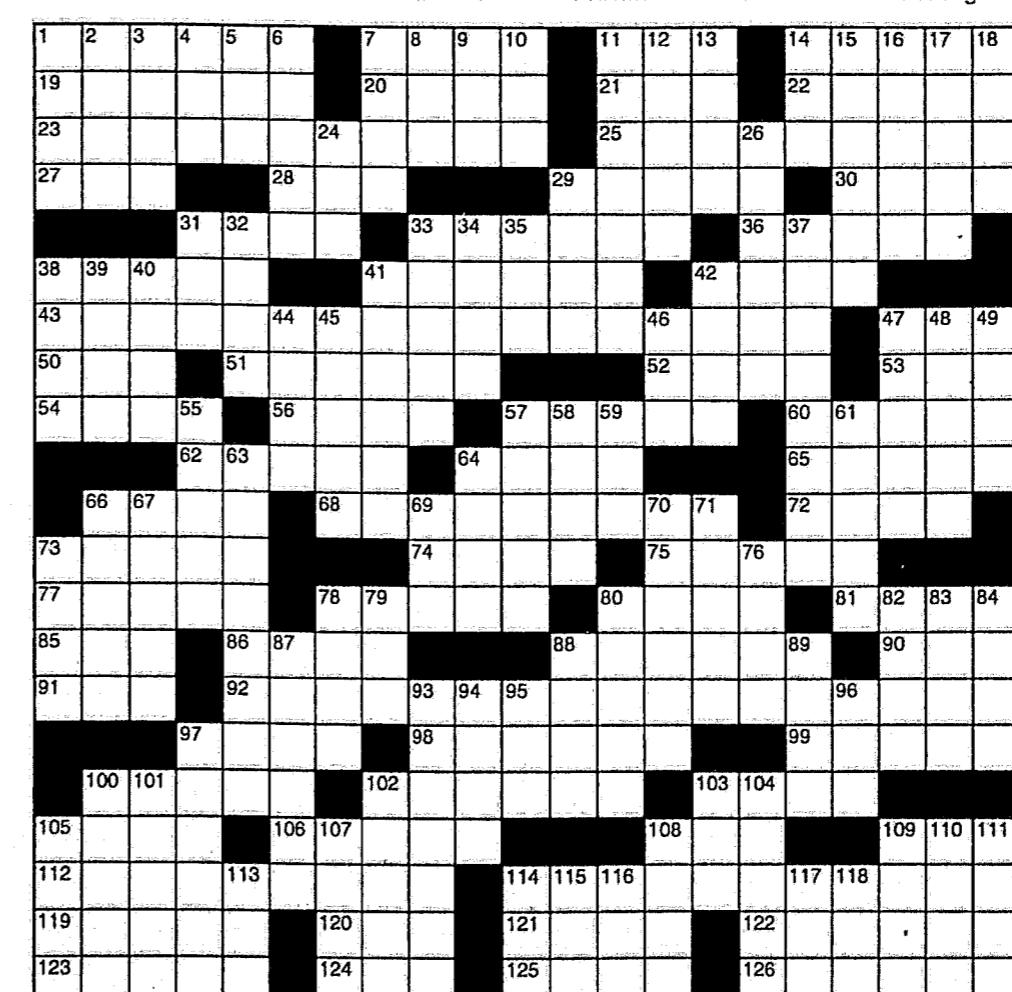
Maxfield said the two towns might discuss sharing a sign.

He said an article asking voters if they wish to purchase a sign will likely be placed on the warrant for the annual Woodstock Town Meeting in March.

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28	Ganesh or Hanuman	74	Sheet of stamps	122	He's left holding the bag	26	Witty Wright	64	Burn a bit	
29	That's the spirit	75	Big name in kids' music	123	Enticed	29	Spiritual guide	66	Animal that roared?	
30	Building wings	77	TV's "Starkey and —"	124	Pewter base	31	Lilly of pharmaceuticals	67	Log pocket protector?	
31	Level	78	Get on	125	Cunning	32	Do or die?	70	Altar vessels	
33	Actress Welch	80	Cougar	126	Layers	33	Takes a break	71	He keeps lions in line	
36	With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author	81	Viscount's superior	127	Entitled	34	Exercise aftermath	73	Heavy blow	
38	Face lift?	85	Put into service	128	Partially open	35	Disconcert	76	Disconcert	
41	Anchored	86	service	88	"Summer" (72 hit)	37	Bete noire	78	Bete noire	
42	Hot spot?	90	open	90	Mauna — Augsburg article	38	Diner fare	79	Neigh.	
43	Part 2 of remark	91	Put into service	92	End of remark	39	Self-important	80	Novel language?	
47	Aries animal	92	service	97	Wise guy?	40	Blabby bird	82	Baseball family name	
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Super Crossword

'Timber Line'



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Wild Side

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er."

The Master Maine Guide's book is a series of first-person reflections on chunks of the state he regards as heaven on Earth that should be enjoyed by all who appreciate the outdoors. But he's also careful to point out that they're not places for casual day hikers, and are full of potentially mortal hazards that can turn an unprepared sojourner's foray into sheer hell.

The state has outright ownership of some 500,000 acres of public reserved land, plus conservation easements of nearly one million more acres that are protected permanently. These public lands are open to anyone to hunt, fish, hike, trap, cross-country ski, snowshoe, snowmobile or enjoy any other of a myriad of backcountry activities.

Promoting these open spaces also plays into Gov. John Baldacci's "Take It Outside!" public-health campaign to encourage youths who spend too much time at their joysticks and in front of the TV to get outdoors, said state Conservation Commissioner Patrick McGowan.

"Every family in Maine has someone who needs this book," said McGowan. "Every camp and cabin in Maine needs this book."

Hanrahan, 53, practically lives outdoors and gets around Maine as much as anyone. During his wanderings, he's surprised to hear how many people don't know about the reserves of woods, mountains, coastal and lake habitats.

Take Deboullie, a 22,000-acre area of low, rugged mountains and remote trout ponds in far northern Maine that's accessible from Portage or St. Francis. The department's website includes a description of that site and others, and maps that can be downloaded. One of Hanrahan's favorites, Deboullie also has hiking trails and campsites.

He writes about hiking through Washington County's 12,000-acre Bold Coast, with its nearly five miles of cliff-bound ocean shore.

"I don't see the ocean at first, but I hear it coming through

the damp pine and fir forest," he writes.

"It's a very special kind of hike, because very few hikers begin in deep woods and end up with a spectacular, ocean view."

A few public reserved lands are almost urban in setting, such as the 100-acre Mackworth Island at the mouth of the Presumpscot River in southern Maine. The mile-long trail that encircles the island offers walkers stunning views of Casco Bay and Portland, says the website.

Lands and vistas that Hanrahan likes to say are "achingly beautiful" can have as powerful an allure to the experienced and seasoned outdoorsman as to the uninitiated, and Hanrahan wants to make sure all are prepared for their outdoor experience.

First off, the public lands for the most part are unmarked and not easy to find. A four-wheel drive truck with a couple of spare tires is the best transportation to access them.

Hanrahan said he's had an awful time finding some locations, such as the appropriately named Unknown Lakes, in eastern Maine's 27,000-acre Duck Lake Public Reserved Land.

"They are really hard to get to. I finally had to talk to coyote trappers" to find his way, Hanrahan recalled while relaxing in his two-century-old farmhouse after returning from a deer-hunting trip.

Those venturing on to unfamiliar public lands for the first time should "absolutely hire a guide first," he said, noting that Maine has plenty to choose from.

McGowan said that maps on the department's website are being improved. But for now, Hanrahan said, don't think of heading off to one of the remote regions without an ample supply of topographical maps, not to mention other survival items he itemizes in his book.

Hanrahan's book is available in Maine in a number of bookstores and can be ordered online at www.maine.gov/doc/parks/programs/book/landsbook.html.

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Your Guide to the Holidays!

Events Around the Area

Local Holiday Shop Around

Friday, December 12

Participating "Buy Local" merchants will be open until 8pm for your shopping convenience. Who's participating? Make sure to look for the hand-decorated luminaries lining business doorways. There will be Christmas carolers, craft making, holiday skits and readings, a community dance, harps playing and music making, and there will be a roaming Santa. Don't forget to use your Reward card at participating businesses.

Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 13

Annual Christmas open house. Visit from Santa, free hot fudge sundaes, Maine foods for sampling, sales all day, free drawing to enter, and an appearance by the composer of the "Maine Christmas Song," Con Fullam. Free gift wrapping and friendly service! Shop local, help the local economy thrive, and save on gas! Maine Line Products annual open house will be Saturday, December 13 from 9 - 5 at our Greenwood location. We will have a visit from Santa from 11 - 1, samples of clam chowder and other Maine foods and FREE HOT FUDGE SUNDAES made with our own fresh home-made chocolate fudge. We will also be having special sales throughout the day and a free drawing to enter. There will also be a special appearance by composer, Con Fullam, who wrote the "Maine Christmas Song." He will be signing and helping us sell the Maine Christmas Song CD's. There will be lots of fun and, as always, free gift wrapping and friendly service. Please shop local and join us in helping to keep our local people employed. FMI 875-2522

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides!

Saturday, December 13

2:00-4:00pm. Deepwood Farm will be offering horse-drawn wagon rides for your enjoyment. What a fun thing to do on Saturday afternoon after attending the Taste of Bethel and Business Expo! Bring the whole family; meet at the Bethel common.

The Living Nativity

Sunday, December 21

Local people re-enact the Christmas story on the village common, Sunday evening at 5:00PM. This is an annual community event with live animals, singing of Christmas carols and great performances by the local people...adults and children. Anyone in the community is welcome to be a part of this. Contact Drew Webster to let him know you want to participate. Live animals needed also. FMI 824-2715

11th Annual "New Year's Bethel" Celebration

Wednesday, December 31

Once again, the Bethel Historical Society is pleased to announce the annual "New Year's Bethel" celebration—an affordable family festival that includes live entertainment at several sites within historic Bethel Hill Village. Featured at this year's event will be a Community Pot Luck Supper; Children's Dragon Parade; marshmallow roasting and a bonfire on the Common; the Judy Lee All New Fun-Filled Family Show; the State Street Jazz Band; the Western Mountain Senior College Senior Players; refreshments and hospitality at the Dr. Moses Mason House; a Community Sing-A-Long with Lynn Arizzi at the piano; and ringing in the New Year at the Town Clock. Starting on December 9th, advance tickets may be purchased at the Society's Museum Shop, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, The Bethel Citizen and Maine Line Products' Locke Mills Store. FMI 824-2908

Having a Holiday Dinner Party? Here's Some Ideas to Get You Going!

Friendship Quiche

Invite friends over for a holiday get-together and serve this simple to make quiche. Add a crisp salad and some rolls, then settle in around the table and catch up on each other's holiday plans.

1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
1/2 cup broccoli, chopped
1/2 cup cooked ham, diced
2 tbsp butter
9 inch pie crust, baked
8 oz pkg Cheddar cheese, cubed
1 1/2 cups milk
3 eggs
salt to taste
nutmeg to taste
pepper to taste

Sauté vegetables and ham in butter, spoon in crust and top with cheese. Combine milk, eggs, and spices in blender and pour over cheese and vegetables. Bake, uncovered, at 450 degrees for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake an additional 10 to 15 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes before cutting. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Crispy Veggie Salad

This recipe is guaranteed to tickle your taste buds!

2 lbs carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
1 cup green pepper, chopped
2 cups celery, finely chopped
1 bunch scallions
1 1/2 tsp celery seed
1 cup cider vinegar
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup oil

Add carrots to boiling water; heat until crisp-tender and drain. Combine carrots, green pepper, celery, scallions and celery seed in a shallow dish; set aside. Heat remaining ingredients in a small saucepan until sugar is dissolved; pour over vegetables. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Makes 12 servings.

Crunchy Cole Slaw

Your guests will love this variation on the classic side dish!

1 cup oil
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup vinegar
2 3 oz pkgs beef ramen noodles with seasoning packets, divided
1 cup slivered almonds
1 bunch green onions, finely chopped
16 oz pkg cole slaw
1 cup roasted sunflower seeds

Whisk together oil, sugar, vinegar and seasoning packets; set aside. Break ramen noodles into small pieces and toss with slivered almonds. Spread in a single layer on ungreased baking sheet and toast at 350 degrees for 5 to 8 minutes. Combine cole slaw and onions, stir in noodle mixture, sunflower seeds and dressing; toss to coat. Serve immediately. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Cheddar Biscuits with Garlic Butter

Serve warm with extra garlic butter or pesto on the side.

2 cups biscuit baking mix
2/3 cup milk
1/2 cup Cheddar cheese, shredded
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/2 tsp garlic powder

Combine baking mix, milk and cheese with wooden spoon until soft dough forms. Beat vigorously for 30 seconds. Drop by heaping tablespoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. In small bowl, blend butter and garlic powder. When biscuits are done, brush with garlic butter, while still on baking sheet. Makes 10 to 12 biscuits.

Apple Friendship Drink

Pour this into glasses, garnish with a strawberry slice and toast to your friendship

1 banana, peeled and sliced
1 apple, cored, peeled and cubed
4 strawberries, hulled
1 vanilla bean
2 tbsp honey
1/8 tsp cardamom
1/2 cup apple cider

Place banana, apple and strawberries in a blender; set aside. Slice vanilla bean in half; scrape one side onto a spoon, discarding shell. Add vanilla seed spoonful to blender, reserving remaining half of vanilla bean for use in another recipe. Pour in honey and cardamom; purée mixture. Gradually blend in cider; pour into cups to serve. Serves 2.

Peanut Butter Pie

You can always use a chocolate pie crust and top with chocolate curls for a peanut butter and chocolate combination everyone loves.

1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
9 inch pie crust, baked
2 1/2 cups milk
5 1/4 oz pkg vanilla pudding mix
8 oz whipped topping

Stir together powdered sugar and peanut butter, mixture will be crumbly. Spoon about $\frac{3}{4}$ of mixture in the pie crust. In a separate mixing bowl, combine milk and vanilla pudding mix until thick; pour over peanut butter mixture. Add whipped topping and sprinkle with remaining peanut butter mixture. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



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7. Invest in community:

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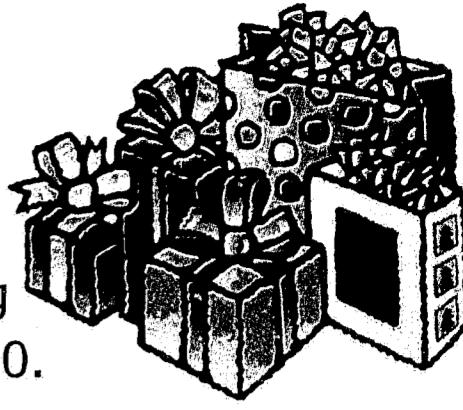
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Reason #8 to Shop Local

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Shopping

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For more details, see the insert in this week's Citizen.

**Some unusual finds
in the Bethel Area**

22 Broad St.—antipasto platter to gnocchi
Bethel Citizen—color copies to raffle tickets
Bethel Inn Resort—ski, sauna, swim packages to snowshoe rentals
Brook Bros., Inc.—appliances to snow scoops
Café DiCocoa—gelato to bialys
Funky Red Barn—the Richard Bean Heart Attack special to Funky Red Barn apparel
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Little Bits—handmade fleece garments, mobiles, and hand-knit sweaters.
Maine Line Products—chocolate moose PJ pants and nightshirts, pet blankets for only \$2.49 each and you can get any of your gifts shipped for you anywhere in the country and during the Christmas season we offer free coffee to all of our customers!
Mouse & Bean Internet Café—crazy hats, mittens and scarves to harley mocha
Mt Mann Jewelers—mica ornament kits to amazing Maine gemstones
Ruthie's—color analysis to complete line of makeup products
Sassafras Market—refillable balsam vinegar to fresh fish
S. S. Milton—year-round lobster to blueberry crisp
Sudbury Inn—t-shirts and coffee mugs to venison
Timeless Treasures & Flowers—placemats to roses
Victoria Inn & Restaurant—special occasion cakes to hand-blended teas
Wild Rose—recycled cards and natural creams and oils
.32 Parkway Plaza—live edge furniture to Oakley sunglasses
Crossroads Diner—Capt'n Eli's Blueberry Soda to cheese ravioli
Good Food Store—Tom's of Maine to all-natural bug spray
Jade's Salon—curling irons
Jolly Drayman at the Briar Lea Inn—black bison chili to chocolate banana burrito
Pooh Corner Farm—gourmet foods to outside window candles
Sunday River Gems—greeting cards to mining tools
Timberlake's Home Store—cutting boards to salad servers
True North Adventureware—solar water bottles, hand-cranked flashlights, mismatched socks, raised relief maps, iPOD (a small trowel for low impact camping) origami mess kit sets, stainless steel water bottles, wind proof boxer shorts, matchless firestarter, ice walkers, lobster claw mittens, mittens that convert to gloves, solar showers, Union suits (limited sizes)
Western Maine Supply—paint to roof rakes
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce—World's Tallest Snow-Woman Souvenirs

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

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From the Bethel Police Log:**Monday, Dec. 8**

At 4:44 a.m. Officer George Gould responded to Main St. for the report of found missing property. The owner was to be contacted.

Sunday, Dec. 7

At 11:11 p.m. on Cross St. Officer George Gould arrested Eric G. Pierce, Jr., 22, for possession of a loaded/concealed weapon while in his motor vehicle. The vehicle, from Pennsylvania, had been announced as a be-on-the lookout (for officer safety) by dispatch two days earlier after the driver had been observed with a handgun.

Saturday, Dec. 6

At 2:42 a.m. Officer George Gould responded to Church St. for a report of a possible assault with injuries. On arrival the property owner said that while attempting to enter his residence he accidentally slipped on the ice and put his left hand into a glass window of the entry door. He received a small laceration and refused medical treatment.

At 2:57 a.m. Officer George Gould assisted Bethel Rescue on a call at a residence.

At 10 p.m. Lt. S.R. White assisted a state trooper with a domestic incident in Hanover.

Friday, Dec. 5

At 3:50 p.m. Lt. S.R. White received a report of a telephone scam. The complainant said a caller had told him he had won money, even though he had not entered any contests. The caller said a package would be sent. The complainant was told not to tell anyone about the money, but to go to Western Union and mail the caller \$650. The officer then called the caller and identified himself as a police officer. The subject hung up, then called the complainant back. The officer again contacted the caller and told him if he called again he would be charged. The subject said he would stop calling.

Thursday, Dec. 4

At 9:40 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor received a report of four logging trucks speeding and passing in no-passing zones on Route 2. The four trucks were stopped and all drivers were given warnings for speed and unsafe driving.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

At 4:15 p.m. Officer Crystal Ayward responded to Mason St. at the request of the Rumford PD to arrest a subject on a domestic assault charge. The officer took the subject into custody and met a Rumford officer in Hanover for transfer.

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Saturday, December 13
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West Bethel

by
Lorrie Hoeh
It certainly feels like winter around here. My Mon-

day morning walk was postponed until later in the day when things had warmed up a bit from the early temperature of 0 degrees with 30 mph winds. The wind gusts remained, but temperatures moderated slightly as the sun did its work. Forecasts for the rest of the week included temps climbing to the 50s, with rain instead of snow. I hope this pattern is not a repeat of year before last, when there was almost no good skiing snow for us Nordic skiers.

The area abounds with holiday activities. Thursday evening was the occasion of "Christmas with the Masons" at the Moses Mason House of the Bethel Historical Society. As usual, the house was decorated with greens, fruits, berries, ribbons, and bows. (The house was built before the era of Christmas trees, which

began in Germany later in the 19th century.) Candles in every window, on tables and mantelpieces made for an authentic, if dim, atmosphere. There were also fires in the fireplaces, lending both visual and actual warmth to the house.

Connie St. Pierre was stationed in the parlor, where she played traditional carols on her Celtic harp. Lucky for me, I was in my usual spot beside the fire, knitting as I kept an eye on the burning candles and the fireplace, and I was able to enjoy the music, as well as chatting with visitors. Lynn and Bud Kulik stopped for a while with one of their granddaughters, who was enjoying the cookies and mulled cider.

On Saturday morning the Ladies' Aid of the West Bethel Union Church held their annual greens sale, which was very successful. They even sold some "leftovers" from the earlier Christmas Fair.

An interesting mystery developed during the week as the ladies worked on making wreaths. One day they found a collection of very nice leaded glass trinkets on the table, with no indication of from

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whence they came. Nancy Grover suggested listing all those who have keys to the church, since it had to be one of them. Now Pat McCartney is one of the key holders, since she cleans up regularly any messes the church folks have made. She fessed up that she and Bob had made them some time ago and decided they should be in the sale. Which they were. And sold like hotcakes.

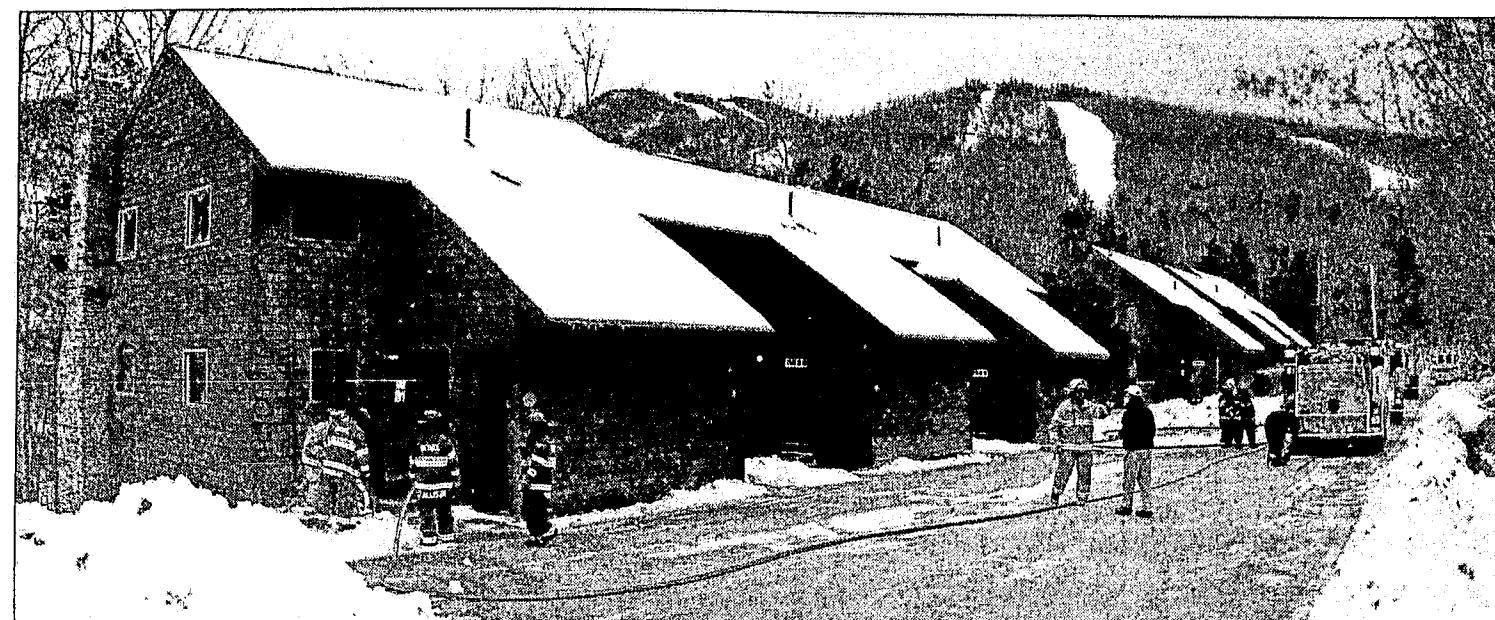
On Monday night the Ladies' Aid held their traditional post-sale potluck. Everyone is to be congratulated on a successful endeavor and a tidy addition to the treasury.

Saturday afternoon was the occasion of the West Parish Congregational Church Christmas Fair and Tea. I saw Linda Westleigh in the basement fair room, doing some of her Christmas shopping. I also met three of my spinning friends, and after finishing our shopping, we joined at a table in the fellowship hall for tea and delicious goodies. My great bargain at the sale was a pair of earrings for 50 cents!

Tomorrow, Dec. 12, will be the occasion of many events in downtown Bethel. The Senior Players will be doing a reading of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" at the Sudbury Inn. Later, the Community Players will do three skits at Café di Cocoa. There will be open houses at several places of business (not to mention shopping opportunities), including carol singing to Lynn Arizzzi's piano playing at the Victoria Inn. Please see the schedule of activities in this paper. Support your local merchants and save gas, too!

We are inundated with dozens of blue jays, and we have the usual suspects, with, thankfully, only two red squirrels so far. We have been seeing a large flock of turkeys at the top of Grover Hill Road, in the Lovejoys' dooryard and across the road. Don't know why they haven't appeared here as yet.

I hope to hear from you about your holiday plans or anything else you care to share. Reach me at dhoeh@megalink.net or 836-3011.



A SHORT-HANDED SAVE—Last week's large warehouse fire in South Paris drew firefighters from many area departments, including Newry. So when another blaze broke out Thursday morning in a South Ridge Townhouse at Sunday River Ski Resort, Bethel firefighters were first on the scene. They doused the flames, confining the damage to the unit where the fire started and saving the other five in the building. Firefighters were also aided by the timely 911 reporting of the fire. Carpenter Scott Dutcher of Gilead spotted the smoke coming from the windows and eaves. In addition, condo manager Pat Roma called in the fire and shut off propane to the structure, which was unoccupied at the time. Also responding to the scene were departments from Woodstock, Andover, Gilead, Greenwood and Med-Care Ambulance. Investigators later determined the fire started when workers placed carpet padding too close to a propane heater. They had left for lunch when the padding ignited. The unit, valued at \$252,000, is owned by a Rhode Island resident.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

It is hard to believe that there is only a couple of weeks left before Christmas! I haven't even started to shop yet, but I have been working on a list. The grandchildren, as always, keep changing their minds when they say what they would like for Christmas. Santa is a little confused this year.

Our granddaughter, Sidney, is recovering from having her appendix out. She is almost back to normal.

I talked to my brother, Steve McLain, the other evening and told him that I saw Lise on the 6 p.m. news. She attended the big event in Augusta when all the legislators were sworn into office. She was there because her nephew, Jarrod Crockett, was being sworn in to begin his term for District 91. Con-

gratulations to Jarrod and I hope he remembers to keep in touch with the residents in his district.

Bob and Gladys Taylor stopped by the new office last Tuesday. After they completed their town business, Gladys had some news for the paper. They had a houseful for Thanksgiving dinner. Their daughter, Linda Bernaby, had to work, so the grandchildren, Taylor, Alexa and Lily spent the day with Bob and Gladys. Also attending dinner were Steven and Lori and Steven's daughter, Juleigha. Later in the day, Bob and Gladys visited their other daughter, Nancy, and her family. Gladys noted that Regine Chapman and children, Caleb and Abby, spent a couple of days with them while her husband, Mike, had a brief stay in the hospital.

Mary Tyler called with a bit of news. She is a member of the Winthrop Grange in Shelburne, N.H., and she has been helping them get ready for a craft fair. For those of you, who enjoy craft fairs, it will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Town Hall in Shelburne. The time will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and there will be handmade items and baked goods for sale. There is still room to set up a table to sell your items. If you are interested, the fee is only \$10 and Mary's cell is (603) 455-7530. Leave a message if you get the voice mail.

Joe and Freda Gaudreau from the Bog Road entertained at their home this past weekend. It is their tradition to hold a family Christmas party on the first Saturday of December. Those attending were: Alfred and Sharon Leighton; Toby and Amanda Leighton and children, Toby, Jr. and Andrew; Jesse Leighton and son, Jesse, Jr.; Jody Gaudreau; Debbie Luxton and Willie and Patty Gaudreau. Everyone enjoyed all the great food and exchanged Christmas presents. According to Freda, the highlight was the unexpected group of Christ mas Carolers that appeared at their door. Their singing made the gathering an even bigger success. Freda assumes that they were all from the neighborhood, but said that there was only one man and his son that they recognized. It would be nice to find out whom this group of carolers are that are traveling along the Bog Road spreading Christmas cheer!

Gilead Fire Department

The GFD was on standby this past week on the second day of the fire in South Paris. They did not have to respond, but later in the morning they did get a call to go to Sunday River for the fire in one of the condo units.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

The annual Christmas program was a success! The Upton kids presented a

play featuring the birth of the Christ child. Jen and Tyler Aldrich played Mary and Joseph. Shepherds were Jessica and Caitlin Casey, Keona Bouchard, Lotte Casko, Abbie Chapman and Elissa Dyer. The three kings were Caleb Chapman and Andy and Leslie Aron's grandsons from Wayne, Andrew and Jacob Coulombe.

Jen Aldrich played her flute beautifully for the songs during and after the play. Elissa Dyer performed "The Christmas Story" in sign language. Lexi-Ann Hart played

"Jingle Bells" on her violin. Four-year-old Lily La vallee performed her first public solo. She needed just a little coaxing to calm her nerves before she sang "Jingle Bells." Bridgette Norman had almost enough courage to read a poem.

Santa stopped in to the delight of all of us and passed out gifts and goodie bags.

The "program co-ordinator" as I was called, shut off the lights in the room then passed out song sheets for the audience to use as they joined in the singing. Oops! Fortunately, most of them knew the words.

Only two children weren't participants, but the rest of the kids received their Jenkins Fund gifts.

The food was plentiful (and delicious), and the bingo games were fun. There were lots of winners.

The Ladies Aid members gave gift bags to the senior citizens who came to enjoy and support the kids and the program.

The Ladies Aid Association offers their thanks and appreciation for everyone who helped with the props, the decorations, lighting the streets, the cooking, to the parents and especially to the kids who made the program absolutely wonderful.

The snowmobile club members have shirts and hats to sell. Call the club's president, Dennis Casko at 533-2073 for info to purchase same. Freeman Corriveau of Newry worked on the club's trail from East B Hill to Popular Dam.

Mike Chapman is recovering at home under his doctor's close scrutiny after being rushed to the hospital with liver failure. After two days in the hospital, his doctors haven't determined the cause for the frightening episode. I hope he'll recover quickly and completely.

There will be an open house on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Errol Town Hall, sponsored by the Wildlife Refuge. They've released the final comprehensive plan and environmental impact statement for the Refuge on and around Umbagog Lake. They will provide information and address questions about the plan. "Although this is considered a 'review' period and not a formal 'com

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This Saturday evening, at the Bethel fire station, all are invited – and those who attend, will have an opportunity to express their appreciation for an individual who has been an integral part of the Bethel airport for a very long time. That individual is Mr. Dan Kennagh – also known as "DK."

Following more than three decades in various capacities, Dan Kennagh is stepping away from Bethel Regional Airport and Colonel Dyke Field as its Airport Coordinator.

Simply stated, DK has kept track of things at the airport – lots of things. In his early years he snowplowed with various pieces of equipment, and generally kept an eye on the runway and apron. In the past ten years he has been the "voice of the airport," faithfully monitoring runway conditions, meticulously recording same, and reporting this information with precision through the FAA to the flying public.

Although relatively unknown to Bethel residents, there is also a coterie of pilots throughout New England (and beyond) who have come to rely on DK for his knowledge of airport operations, conditions, and dedication to same. And, the more enlightened ones have come to appreciate his unique wit and candor. The town office regularly receives inquiries from aviators contemplating a first visit to Bethel. After answering any questions, the callers are then referred to DK with a gentle proviso that "he may be a bit ornery, but if you start off on the right foot with him, his help will be invaluable." In follow-up conversations with these same people, they invariably pass on their appreciation for DK.

For me, DK's constant presence and vigilance have been nothing short of a blessing. The airport seems sleepy, but it is actually a seven-day-per-week operation with many variables and significant responsibilities. Over the years DK and I have spoken on the phone at all hours, about all sorts of airport business. Never once has he been wrong in his assessment of situations, in his decisions, or in his recommendations concerning the airport.

Finally, my favorite phone call has always been the one that follows a major snowstorm where DK reports with pride and accuracy that "Bethel, Maine has the cleanest runway in the northeast. It is now open for business."

So after a long time at the airport, and on behalf of town officials and aviators alike, I want to publicly thank Mr. Kennagh for his dedicated service to Bethel's airport, and for all of his help (and humor, and opinions) offered to myself and others.

Good job DK, and thank you.

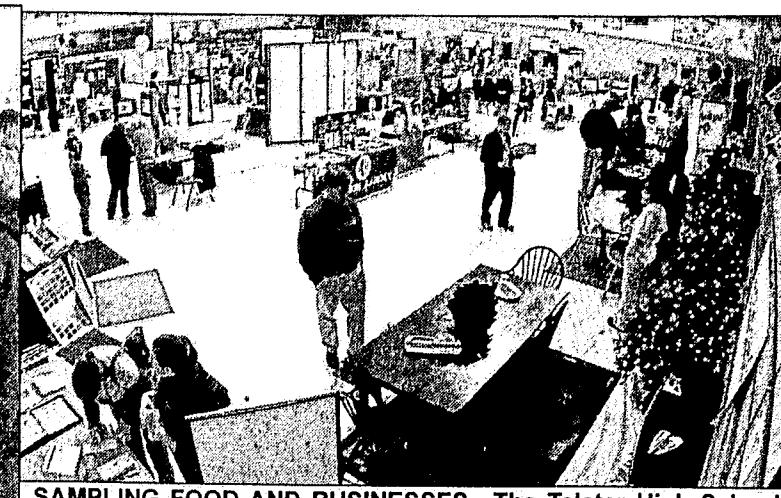
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Airport and Town Manager

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ment' period, we will certainly share any new significant issues with our regional director who will be making the final decision ... " is the wording in the flyer I received from the refuge. From my experience at their meeting in Augusta last year, I think the key words in that statement are "new" and "significant." My interpretation from the Augusta meeting was that public input actually meant next to nothing anyway because it was all decided by the regional director who didn't attend the public meetings. The final decision will be made on Jan. 5, 2009 and will be published in the "Federal Register."

The Upton Village Store closed its doors Saturday at 6 p.m. Rumor has it that a buyer had all the t's and the i's dotted to purchase the business, but the owners backed out at the last minute.

I could have packed more of the clothes I own in the bags under my eyes this morning! Fortunately for you, my lack of sleep didn't affect my loquaciousness. Selah.



SAMPLING FOOD AND BUSINESSES—The Telstar High School cafeteria filled Saturday for the annual Taste of Bethel, as people tried the offerings of area restaurants. At left, Dave Nivus of the Good Food Store serves up goodies. At the same time, businesses filled the gym with displays of their services and wares at the Bethel Area Business & Home Expo. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

craft radar or other sensors. Upon detecting a low-altitude target, the F-15 would descend to the target altitude (not lower than 500 feet AGL) to identify the target as a threat or non-threat and then return to operating altitude above 7,000 feet MSL. The expected time operating at 500 feet would be not longer than 10 minutes for any intercept. One question I didn't think to ask was what type of vehicle would be the target. I know that in the past Civil Air Patrol Cessna 172 or C-182 aircraft have at times served as "low and slow" targets for ANG exercises.

Then the public was allowed to comment or ask questions. Comments heard included: "How much more noise is generated while the F-15 is diving from 7,000 to 500 feet?" "Have any studies been done on permanent hearing damage caused by a single incident of an aircraft flying overhead at 500 feet AGL and 450 knots?"

"Have any studies been done on the psychological effects on persons on the ground when surprised by a jet flying over at 500 feet AGL?" "Have any studies been done on the effects of tourism in this area by aircraft operating as low as 500 feet? This area is highly dependent on the tourism industry and hence vulnerable to anything that might affect it."

One fellow even tried to compare the aircraft noise level to that of loaded logging trucks using "jake brakes" while coming down steep hills! This last question, occurring after two hours of the above discussions was the last straw for us; that was when we departed the meeting!

It seems to me that finding the answers to most of this type of questions is an exercise in futility. It has been shown repeatedly that noise levels equaling those of low-level F-15s can cause permanent hearing damage if suffered over extended periods, but momentary loud noises have no measurable effect.

Someone pointed out that rifle/shotgun reports are instantaneously much louder than the subject F-15s; summertime thunderstorms are much louder and more persistent than F-15 over-flights; neither of these loud noises is known to cause permanent damage unless repeated many times at close range (such as at a rifle range). I see no reason why an aircraft over-flight should cause any more psychological damage than any other sudden loud noise, unless that person is suffering from PTSD because of bad experiences in combat. Finally, has anyone ever heard of a skier or tourist leaving or canceling a planned trip to Maine or anywhere else because they fear they might be startled by an occasional low-flying jet plane? I doubt it.

The Air Force has always been sensitive to noise disruptions caused by air operations. I remember B-52 low-level training routes being altered to avoid mink ranches and turkey farms which suffered monetary losses due to startled animal behaviors in confined spaces. I also believe that the ANG is doing its best to address reasonable concerns of citizens.

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer
Alder River Grange will not have a meeting in December, but will try

for one on Jan. 9.

Ken Grover is on the Grade 12 honors list.

Ryan Hannigan was home from Southern Maine Community College for Thanksgiving.

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If you have news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

Hanover

by Clem Worcester
The Hanover Planning Board met Wednesday, Dec. 3. The board designed

an application blank for use with the Driveway Entrance Ordinance and completed their review of the proposed Shoreland Zone Ordinance. It was the last meeting for Chairman Mark Beaudoin, who has resigned from the board effective at the end of the year. The members present thanked Mark for his years of service and wished him well. The next meeting will be Jan. 7, 2009.

Nomination papers for the position of director for the Western Foothills RSU 10 Board of Directors were due at the Town Office on Dec. 1. Dan Force was the only Ha-

ver resident to turn in nomination papers. There will be an election on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009 to determine who will be elected to the position. The election will start at 12 p.m. and end at 6 p.m. at the Hanover Town Office.

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Stacy Chener of East Andover.

Happy birthday today, Dec. 11, to Francis Ellis Bailey; Saturday, Dec. 13 to Tyler Freeman Dec. 15 to Hunter Nadeau; and the 16th to Joseph Putnam.

Monday afternoon we went to the middle school girls' basketball game in Rumford-Mountain Valley vs. Telstar. Local girls playing were: 7th grade, Katie Mills for Mountain Valley; 6th grade, Katie Merrill; Telstar, 6th grade, Courtney Currier; Telstar 8th grade, Jenna Putnam. Also, Vanessa Godwin, Telstar, granddaughter of Martha and Dick Cronin of Andover.

Have a nice weekend.

Newry



by
Sylvia
Harrington

Susan Kilduff from Salisbury, Mass., left on Monday after lunch.

She helped get lots of clutter out of the way and to actually get rid of a few of my too many possessions. Susan also introduced me to oranges now in season. She brought a few called Clementines. They are delicious and we brought home a small container from Rumford on Sunday, which are very high in Vitamin C. Late Sunday afternoon, she made a lovely wreath with boughs and decorations she brought with her. Susan even made a little snow elf on the deck table, which hasn't yet completely melted.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, the Bear River Grange Hall was used by Sandee and Leon Dunn's family for their Thanksgiving celebration.

Karlene Bachelder is a new great-grandmother to Zylie Ann of Bridgewater, who was born on Nov. 24. Her grandfather is Aaron Bachelder from North Carolina.

A week ago today, Karlene and Gil Seeley lunched at the Crossroads in Bethel.

The Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club had their potluck supper and Christmas party on Dec. 7, at 5 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall.

The only bird showing up at the feeders with the few regular birds at this time of year

are the blue jays.

Still call Leon or Ed with any questions regarding the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

Not only for snack foods and holiday gift items, stop at the Bear River Trading Post for lots of outdoor gear. The total deer tagged since Nov. 1 stands at 59. The next few days for hunting will be for muzzle-loading guns. Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are available at the BRTP as well as applications for membership for the local Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club.

Many thanks to my neighbors for all the help they have given me recently.

Greenwood City



by
Wayne
Hakala

We have had a great week. All of us at Post 68 and Unit 68

are keeping a big smile on our faces for some time. On Friday evening, we did the Bingo for Christmas for Families. All the proceeds went to this very worthwhile project. At the end of the evening, we wrote a check for a thousand dollars for the bingo proceeds. With the food, raffle, 50/50, and December calendar raffle another thousand-plus was raised. This was from a crowd of just over a hundred players and the workers doing several of the raffles.

Many thanks have to go to Nina Wheeler and all the workers involved on Friday night. On Thursday evening, Unit 68 filled 52 stockings with a lot of love and care. This was a project the unit has been working on for some time. All of us at the Post have looked forward to doing this bingo for some time now. A special thanks to Ken Hoyt, Dan Grover, Ray Hoyt, and Ray Tripp for making it a wonderful evening.

On Thursday evening, Post and Unit 81 joined us at Post 68 for an evening of Christmas spirit. A very good time and refreshments were had by all. Unit 68 did their Christmas lighting. A number of bulbs were sold in Memory of and in Honor of.

I got involved in watching the movie "Head of the Class." A very good movie. One of those rare ones that inspires you. The Hallmark presentations are always excellent.

With that said, I'm going to bed. That is after I feed the fire. That wind is sure whipping around and the temp is in the teens. Ought to have the puppies here as I know they love to snuggle.

East Andover



by
Joan
Stinson-Carney

The Craft Fair last Saturday was wonderful.

People are so talented. The things they make and bake are super. I wish I had some of their talents. I can't sew a button on a shirt without it falling off after one use, and I certainly can't make a gingerbread Covered Bridge like the one Barbara Kenny made for the AES table.

I hope that everyone who rented a table did well. The East Andover Community Club, thanks to the donations all of our members, did really well. It was fun to be a part of it, and our president, Barbara Meissner, deserves a lot of credit for all the work she did. I got a lot of really nice presents to give for Christmas.

By the time you read this I will know who my "mystery sister" is. The Community Club's Christmas dinner is tomorrow, Monday, and after a year of not knowing who your "mystery sister" is we will all find out. Some people think they already know, but will they be surprised!

I have taken today off and have been watching season two of the TV show "The Office." I got so caught up in it that I almost forgot that I had to write this. Now the theme music is still going through my head and I can't get it out. I really like this show, and it's surprising how many episodes I missed. For Christmas I have asked Santa for the first season of "Laugh-In"; I hope I get it.

I hope these make you laugh, or at least smile. One crazy day at the pediatric clinic a nurse handed a youngster a urine sample container and told him to fill it up in the bathroom. A

few minutes later he returned and handed her an empty cup. "I didn't need this after all," he said. "There was a toilet in there."

A woman was a nervous wreck about her upcoming surgery. It didn't help matters when the admitting nurse asked her, "Have you ever had a hysterectomy before?"

See ya.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

Program at the Whitman Memorial Library for today (Dec. 11) will be Forestdale School, South Woodstock, presenting a musical program including chimes. Time is 3 p.m., no charge, and light refreshments. The children do a wonderful job so be sure to go hear them.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday is prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m., and Friday at 6:30 p.m. is youth group. On Dec. 14 Larry and Melissa Trout will be at the church for the evening service.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the home of Alice Hoyt. Time is 1 p.m. with exchange of gifts and tasting party.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met on Thursday, Dec. 4 at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills. A delicious dinner was served by the Legion Auxiliary. Exchange of gifts and cards and a very nice program by the Forestdale School children playing the chimes and singing. It was very much enjoyed. Twenty-six attended.

Historical Society

The Historical Society has copies of "Hamlin's Gore," written by Ruby Emery; they make nice Christmas gifts and are still only \$20. You may pick up a copy at 70 South Main Street, Bryant Pond.

The museum has a couple of examples of stained glass, a couple of signs in its collections, a large, framed article on Ezra Stephen's circus, photos of the first stationmaster and his wife, and one of the last stationmasters, Robert Crockett, as a child and his

parents. They have fine furniture, glass and china in the collections. Those interested in antiques can certainly appreciate them. In the research library, they have books on nearly every subject.

A woman was a nervous wreck about her upcoming surgery. It didn't help matters when the admitting nurse asked her, "Have you ever had a hysterectomy before?"

See ya.

Bessie House gave Mary and Larry a turkey pie, Much

greet the warm weather right after lunch. She does not care for snow and cold so has not enjoyed the past few weeks here in Maine.

The sale at the West Paris Gym went well. The ladies of the church had made many pounds of hand-dipped chocolates and they sold well.

Muffin's favorite place to nap is on the back of the sofa under the lamp. It is quite warm there and she is near me as I read.

Albany



by
Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township.

We hope no one had any problems with the freeze we got this week. Can you believe it got below zero the beginning of December? I know I wasn't impressed whatsoever. But, the forecast then was speaking of warmer temps - like in the 40 and 50 range. Go figure!

Christmas will be here in just a couple of weeks. We hope folks out there aren't stressing about it. Hopefully, the weather will be nice, and families will be in good health and together. And, remember, for those truly in need, there are services in the area that can help with Christmas for families with school-age (and younger) children (such as the Rotary Club). Also, these organizations will most likely be more than happy to accept any donations as well.

Now to do the baking. A batch of crispy oatmeal cookies have cooled and are ready for the shut-ins' baskets to be filled and delivered on Tuesday. The first batch of Finnish Nissua is cooling. Most of the family likes it frosted with cherries and nuts and red and green sprinkles. Then two more batches, for I give a lot away each Christmas.

West Paris



by
Joyce Lamb

What a busy time of year! Most of the Christmas shopping is done.

Two packages still have to be wrapped and mailed to go across the country. The great-grandchildren have enjoyed the National Geographic Children's magazines so they were renewed for another year a month ago.

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At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, Dec. 14, the Rev. Richard Beal will lead the service on "Winter and Holiday Poetry." All are asked to bring a short poem or prose piece about the holidays to read and share. Familiar winter-time songs will be enjoyed.

On Dec. 14 a potluck supper will be held at 5 p.m. at the West Paris U.U. Church. Santa will visit. On the 24th a Christmas Eve Service will be held at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Cynthia Lamb left on Tuesday for Florida where she will spend the winter. She should

Waterford



by Rockie
Graham

It certainly has turned cold. Right now (Tuesday a.m.) it is 0. It

t is also spitting snow and more is predicted. But tomorrow, Wednesday, they predict it will be 45-50. You'll know by the time this comes out, whether they were right or not. In the meantime, I haven't been walking much



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WARMED BY THE SEASON—Davina Male, Sara Lynchholm, David LeClerc and Kayla Norton braved a cold wind last Friday outside Homeslice Pizza in Bethel to make Christmas wreaths. Lynchholm said the sale of wreaths is a seasonal addition to the restaurant business. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

because of the ice on the road. Maybe I need to drive Tasha to town and where they shovel the sidewalks and sand the streets.

This past Sunday at the Wilkins House there was a nice surprise party for Marianne Gammon. Marianne is retiring from the Post Office at the end of the month. She will be missed.

I saw a new speech therapist yesterday and she said to stop whispering. So be prepared to read notes when you see me. David is not happy about that, but maybe it will help.

There are many events happening. Saturday, the 12th, is Bethel's big day. It is a day of performing arts and the local shop around. I think that is a great idea. I have long been an advocate of buy local. Unfortunately, local shops can't compete with the deals being offered by Wal-Mart and other big-box stores. Still, for what I buy, the furthest afield I usually roam is Bridgton. In any case, Bethel's fun starts at 4 p.m. and goes until evening. FMI call Ross Timberlake at 824-6545 or Lynn Arizzi at 824-0080.

Next week, on the 18th

Mountain Poets will be meeting. It is a week earlier than usual because of the holiday schedule. We decided to try and fit it in on the third Thursday. Hope all can come.

On the 20th at Waterford Library, the traditional Waterford Library community gathering will take place at 7 p.m. The celebration begins on the Waterford Common with candlelight caroling. Participants will then go to the Library for refreshments and social time. Children will have an opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a book as a gift. The library will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. The bridge group will not meet in December. Their next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 26, at 6:30 p.m. The library is kept open by volunteers and may be closed due to inclement weather. Call first (583-2050) to make sure it is open.

Beginning next month, Jan. 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m. the Waterford Library will hold a Socrates Café gathering each month on the first Monday of the month. It will be a forum for discussion of current events

topics and ideas and divergent views. The first topic will be "What is good Government?" FMI call 583-6957 or e-mail the library at wla@Waterford.lib.me.us.

Have a great week all and be careful on those icy roads.

From

Oxford County Republicans

Oxford County Republicans heard a 2008 election wrap-up report at the monthly meeting held on Nov. 11 at the Oxford Advent Christian Church on Route 26. The ham dinner prior to the meeting was provided by the Hannibal Hamlin Women's Republican Club.

Despite the Obama victory, Senator Susan Collins won handily her race for re-election for a third six-year term.

On the county level, independent Dave Duguay won re-election as a County Commissioner defeating Democrat John Patrick. All incumbent Republicans in the county except Register of Probate Tom Winsor (who lost narrowly) won re-election



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ON THE SLOPES—A total of 210 Santas took part in the annual Santa Sunday at Sunday River Ski Resort on Sunday, donating \$2,200 to charity in the process. Participants who donned head-to-toe Santa attire also received a free day of skiing or riding for, as well as vouchers for two additional days. A minimum donation of \$10 toward the Bethel Rotary Club's Annual Christmas Toy Drive was required and will be used to purchase gifts for children in the region. The event was held on Sunday River's Broadway Trail.

in spite of the vigorous Democratic campaign, which outspent Republicans many times over.

The highlight of election evening was, however, the decisive victory of newcomer Jarrod Crockett of Bethel, reclaiming for the Republicans the District 91 House seat.

There was an extensive discussion of various political strategies and how they might be changed for the 2010 election cycle. A new volunteer for the party, Asher Wilson, a sophomore at Telstar Regional High School, was introduced. He served as a poll watcher on Election Day and found the experience "exciting."

The next meeting of the Oxford County Republican Committee will be on Dec. 9 at the Norway Masonic Hall on Temple Street (directly behind the Main Street Post Office). A 5:30 p.m. social hour will be followed by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and then by the program and brief business meeting. The speaker for the evening will be Representative Philip A. Curtis (R-Madison),

Assistant Republican Leader in the Maine House. His topic will be "The Challenges of the 124th Legislature." All area Republicans are cordially invited to attend.

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Once again, it's time for the annual New Year's Bethel celebration to be held on Dec. 31 sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society in cooperation with the West Parish Congregational Church and Gould Academy. This is an affordable, chem-free, family festival featuring live entertainment at several sites within Bethel Hill Village.

In 2008, a new feature has been added, a Community Potluck Supper. It will be held at the Dr. Moses Mason House Meeting Room from 5 to 6 p.m. Those wishing to attend are invited to bring their favorite hot dish, salad, or dessert to

share. It is hoped this new event will get everyone excited, and eagerly looking forward to a memorable evening of entertainment. At 6 p.m., the Children's Dragon Parade will be held. Participants are urged to gather near the fire station prior to parading around the Bethel Common.

From 7 to 10 p.m., there will be an opportunity to enjoy marshmallow roasting and a bonfire on the Common. Also at 7 p.m. at Bingham Hall, Gould Academy, the Judy Lee All New Fun-Filled Family Show will begin. At 8 p.m., the State Street Jazz Band will hold their first concert at the West Parish Congregational Church. Ti'Acadie will offer contra dancing in the Bingham Gym from 8 to 10 p.m. From 8:45 to 9:15, the Western Mountain Senior College Senior Players will entertain those gathered in the West Parish Congregational Church Dining Room. The State Street Jazz Band will hold their second performance at the church from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. Throughout the evening,

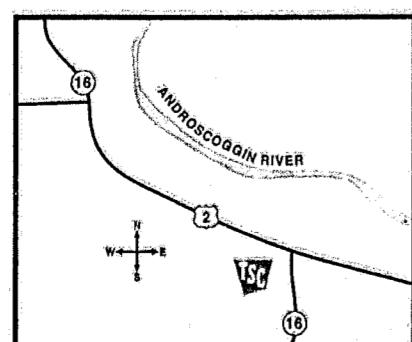
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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Hebron 64, Gould 49—Gould played its second game in two days and ran into a very physical Hebron team. Hebron also shot the ball incredibly well hitting seven three pointers in the first half. The younger Huskies fought back in the second half and actually outscored Hebron 32-23 in the period. Joe Johnson led Gould with 17 points, followed by Taylor Peck-Moad with 12, and Max Wales with 10. from Gould sports reports

Gould 60, Buckfield 41; Dec. 5—Gould opened its season with a solid team win. Gould led the game throughout, leading the Bucks only by five at halftime. Gould came out in the third quarter and extended the lead up to twenty and cruised to the win. Sophomore Abram Bartlett led the Huskies with 17 points, followed by fellow sophomore George Murphy with 13. Scot Baribeau chipped in 11 points despite a pesky box and one defense by Buckfield that had a player following him everywhere on the court. Other scoring came from Max Wales with 9, Phil Johnston 4, Shaq Jones 2, Shou Yuan Bai 2 and Henry Gaudion 2. from Gould sports reports

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Gould 40, Greater Portland Christian 27; Dec. 6—Having played GPC before, the returning players and Head Coach Erin Pierce knew they would need to work just as hard as the night before in order to bring home a win. It was a close game throughout the entire first half. The full court defensive pressure lead by Cummings and Kravetz forced many turnovers and was difficult to overcome. On the offensive end, the Huskies did a great job creating opportunities but struggled with having their shots fall. With a tie at the end of the first quarter and with a three pointer from Kravetz being the only points scored in the second quarter, Gould knew they needed to step things up offensively. So step things up they did. The Lady Huskies managed to out score Greater Portland 23 to 13 in the second half. By continuing defensive pressure and capitalizing on their offensive opportunities Gould was able to pull away with a 40-27 win over GPC.—from Gould sports reports

Georges Valley 59, Telstar 36; Dec. 5—The Lady Rebels lost in their season opener to a quick Lady Bucs team. Kayla Merrill led the Telstar girls with 16 points, while Brianna Douglass pulled down 11 rebounds and Emma Davis grabbed 7 more. Good effort, team.— Coach Kelly Dole

Gould 36, Buckfield 59; Dec. 6—With just three practices before their first game and only four returning players, the girls knew they needed to work hard and come together as quickly as possible. Their first game at home against Buckfield ended with a 36-59 loss. Gould hadn't faced Buckfield in the past few years so they weren't exactly sure what to expect. What they did know was Buckfield typically has a strong program and this year is being led by 4 returning starters all of which are experienced players. Despite just a few practices before their season opener the Huskies fought hard both on the offensive end and defensive end. Senior Micheala Cummings got things started by scoring 8 points in the first half. A new addition to the team junior point guard Michelle Kravetz had no problem getting the ball up the court despite the full court pressure of Buckfield's press. Gould stayed with the Bucks heading into the locker room at the half trailing only by 11. Senior Seana Siekman stepped up her offensive game in the

second half by scoring 8 points in the third quarter alone. Although Buckfield went on to win, the lady Huskies gave it their all and were hungry for a win the following night against Greater Portland Christian.—from Gould sports reports

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 63, Telstar 31; Dec. 8—Telstar lost to a much stronger Mt. Valley team. Telstar's Dominic Haines led the Rebels with 16 points and Nik Mills tossed in 8.

Telstar 46, Madison 40; Dec. 6—Telstar's Nik Mills led the team with 24 points, while Nik Conrad and Dominic Haines had 6 each. Telstar improve on their defense with many steals and blocked shots.—Coach Tim O'Connor

Telstar 47, Jay 37; Dec. 4—Telstar's Dominic Haines led the team in scoring with 19 points, with Nik Mills adding 17. Michael Del Duca scored 6 and Lucas Bellanca added 5. The team worked hard all game and kept their focus. The first game was a good experience for a lot of new players. Good job— Coach Tim O'Connor

TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Madison 54, Telstar 20; Dec. 6—Telstar's Jenna Putnam scored the first basket of the game and led the team in points, scoring a total of 8. Skye Dole followed with a close second of 7 points, Casey Blaszczak 3, and Mariha Morin 2. With half the scored points coming from foul shots, the team showed marked improvement on foul shooting.

TMS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Madison 36, Telstar 14; Dec. 6—Telstar's Katie Merrill made the team's first basket in the second quarter, followed by Hali Barter, Alyssa Brands, Rachel Boyd and Anna Tyrina in the third and fourth quarters. Vanessa Goodwin, Alyssa Brands, Hali Barter, and Rachel Boyd all made foul shots. I was pleased at the defense the players were showing in the game. Keep up the good work.—Coach Tracy Morin

School Lunch—Week of Dec. 15

Telstar

Monday: Oven baked chicken, potato wedges, green beans, pizza choices, cheeseburger/bun.

Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar, raw veggies and dip, pizza choices, cheeseburger/bun.

Wednesday: Thai chicken, egg roll, pizza choices, cheeseburger/bun.

Thursday: Make your own sandwich bar, Italian dunkers, cheesy bread w/dipping sauce, cheeseburger/bun.

Friday: Homemade turkey casserole: turkey and gravy topped with cheese and stuffing, peas and carrots, homemade roll, pizza choices, cheeseburger/bun.

Four fruit and vegetable choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

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Monday: Oven baked chicken, potato wedges, green beans, quick pick, yogurt, cheese stick, bagel, pb&j.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger/bun, raw veggies/dip, pb&j.

Wednesday: Thai chicken, steamed broccoli, chicken patty/roll, pb&j.

Thursday: Italian dunkers, cheesy bread w/dipping sauce, pb&j.

Friday: Homemade turkey casserole: turkey and gravy topped with cheese and stuffing, peas, homemade roll, hot dog/bun, pb&fluff.

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THS team previews

Alpine Skiing

The defending State Class C champion Telstar girls' alpine ski team includes senior Peggy Depasquale, juniors T.J. Cowin and individual '08 champ Samantha Largess, sophomore Morgan Lee and freshman Susan Newkirk.

The boys' squad is led by senior Frankie Del Duca, with juniors Gavin Lee and Edgar Barrero-Stadler and freshmen Cody Boivin, Anthony Dirago and Josh Head.

"We graduated three ski team contributors from the 07-08 team," said Coach Anne Reis. "For 08-09 we field a relatively small team compared to some other schools. However, the Class C Champions ('07 and '08) Telstar girls look forward to another great season, competing with solid talent, spirit and commitment."

"With Del Duca and Lee leading the charge, we have added four new male skiers to the boys team. This will give us enough participants to score as a team for the boys again. This puts the entire Telstar team in great position for a winning year."

Nordic Skiing

The Telstar High School Nordic Skiing boys' squad is split between seniors and freshmen.

Team members include seniors Brian Annis, Lance Brown, Will Chapman, Patrick Gallagher, and John Lewis; and freshmen Adam Maher, Ben Lewis, James Piccirillo, Casey Kellner, Matt Keane and James Lowell.

The smaller girls' squad includes seniors Katlyn Keane and Marian Hotopp, juniors Megan Bonney and Molly Keane and sophomores Sarah Averill and Victoria Forkus.

"The boys team should be improved from a year ago with the addition of some promising freshmen," said Coach Bob Remington. "The girls graduated a lot but Katlyn and Molly Keane could finish well in the MVCs."

Girls' Basketball

The Telstar High School varsity girls' basketball team members include senior Brianna Douglass (forward); junior Faith Parker (guard); sophomores Emma Davis (forward), Cheyanne Day (forward), Taylor Maines (guard), Kayla Merrill (guard), Ciara Nadeau (forward), and Nicena Walker (guard); and freshmen Catelynn Bennett (forward), Natasha Farnum (guard), Echo Hoyt (forward), Lyndsay Merrill (guard) and Destiny Westleigh (guard).

The Rebels, said Coach Kelly Dole, "lost a talented group of seniors from last year's team, but a strong nucleus of young, athletic players returns to lead an enthusiastic team. Douglass, the only senior on the team, is a four year varsity player and strong around the basket. The team will look to her for important leadership."

Dole will co-coach with Vern Davis. There is no J.V. team at this point in the season.

Boys' Basketball

The Telstar boys' basketball team includes seniors Alex Gundersen (center) and James Kimball (forward); juniors Joel Putnam (guard) and Ryan Philbrick (guard); and sophomores Daniel Vaughn, Zach Brand (guard), Elek Pew (guard), Ben Field (forward) and T.J. Connor (guard).

"They're very young," said Coach Mark Thurlow. "They're nice kids and they're working hard at practice. We'll see what happens."

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Events Calendar



"LITTLE WOMEN" AT TELSTAR—The Telstar High School Theater Department will present "Little Women," at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium beginning tonight (Thursday). Performances will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Admission is free, but donations at door are greatly appreciated and will support Telstar's spring 2009 musical production. Refreshments will be available. For more information call 824-2136.

Thursday, Dec. 11

2 p.m. — At Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: students from Forestdale School, Woodstock, will present musical program of chimes. Free and open to public. Light refreshments served.

7 p.m. — The Akwaaba Ensemble, traditional African drum and dance presentation. Program sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. Admission: \$10 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11, 12 and 13

"Little Women," presentation by Telstar High School Drama Department at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar. Thursday-Friday performances begin 7 p.m. and Saturday matinee 2 p.m. Free but donations at door greatly appreciated. Refreshments available. FMI: 824-2136.

Local Holiday Shop-Around

Friday, Dec. 12

"Local Holiday Shop-Around," presented by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce and Bethel Performing Arts Project. Most businesses open until 8 p.m. A "moving block party" will feature actors and musicians at various businesses every half hour from 4 to 8 p.m. Location, schedule and performers:

4 p.m. — Jade's Salon: Jewel Clark, solo musician; Sassafras Market: Wendy Green, solo musician; True North Adventureware: Ross Timberlake, solo musician.

4:30 p.m. — Café DiCocoa (house): Cooking for kids and skits by Bethel Community Players.

5 p.m. — Linda Clifford Irish and Scottish Merchant: Connie St. Pierre, Celtic harp.

5:30 p.m. — Sudbury Inn: Western Mountain Senior Players read "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dyan Thomas.

6 p.m. — The Victoria Inn: Lynn Arizzi, pianist, and a Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long.

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Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

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The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Darcy Lund at 739-2888.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

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Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamil Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon, Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. at Rt. 5. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Club (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2299.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickerman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.; Wed. 8:45a.m.

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m.; Rev. Angelo Levesque, 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3333 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 7pm. Awana clubs follow school year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion served the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 39 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2193.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road, Route 26, Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday, 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8333.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 33 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigne. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2651.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Ken Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m.; Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 503-9024 or 999-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Rev. Frank Haines Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10 a.m. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room; Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:30am-11:00am. Ski-in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 824-5892 (recording).

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sandra Withey.

St. Catherine's: Saturday 6 p.m., Vigil Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass. Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest in charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

MEXICO

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Deal. 674-3142.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:30am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m. Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month.

Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time BI-Weekly 9:30-11:30am. Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm; church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hopkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678). Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Elphook Meeting House (Rt. 222, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-6663 FMI.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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Tuesday, Dec. 16

7 p.m. - Winter Concert by Telstar High School's Music Department at Helen Berry Auditorium. Welcome the Holiday Season with the High/Middle School Chorus and Concert Band. Admission free and donations gladly welcome.

7 to 9 p.m. - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Open House at Errol, N.H., Town Hall, to provide information and address questions about the final Comprehensive Conservation and accompanying environmental impact for Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Free Conference for Health Care Professionals at Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. Advance registration required (for morning, lunch and all). Lunch provided. FMI or to register: (800) 272-3900.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 20

Christmas Cantata presented by children of South Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Forestdale School at 6:45 p.m. Friday and 10:45 a.m. Saturday.

Saturday, Dec. 20

6 p.m. - Chondola Grand Opening Event at Sunday River Ski Resort with free skiing and riding after ceremony. FMI: visit www.chondola.com.



THE LIVING NATIVITY takes place Sunday, December 21 on the Bethel Common. FMI 824-2715

Sunday, Dec. 21

2 p.m. - Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine meeting at Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris.

5 p.m. - The Living Nativity on Bethel Common. Contact person: Drew Webster (824-2715) if interested in participating.

Super Crossword Answers

7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service by Sunday River Christian Ministry with the Rev. Don Coverdale leading in praise, prayer and peace. The service takes place in front of the fireplace, third floor of Barker Base Lodge at Sunday River Ski Resort. All ages welcome. FMI: call 824-5896 (recording).

Saturday, Dec. 27

2 to 4 p.m. - Rabies Clinic at Andover Fire Station. Cost: \$14 (cash only). Dogs may be registered as well.

7 p.m. - Mad Science program of Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: \$4 for children 6 to 12 and \$6 for adults in advance or \$6 and \$8 at door. Tickets available on-mountain at South Ridge Welcome Center, Snow Cap Inn and Grand Hotel Resort front desks or call (800) 543-2SKI. FMI: visit sundayriver.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

11th annual "New Year's Bethel Celebration. Affordable, chemical-free festival with variety of live entertainment at several sites in Bethel Village.

7:30 and 10:30 p.m. - At Oddfellow Theater: Buckfield; Dickie Hyper-Hyne's Rockin' New Year's Eve. Tickets: \$15 all seats. FMI: call box office at 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.



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4:00 - 7:00 **Cafe DiCocoa, 125 Main St.** Natural Cookie Decorating. Shape, bake, and decorate cookies for kids of all ages!

5:00 - 7:00 **Kai Clothing, 32 Parkway** - Women's & Men's Fashion Show! An exhilarating show with music & food. Taking donations of canned goods for the food bank.

10:00 - 8:00 **Linda Clifford, 91 Main Street** - Shop-Around Celtic Cross Raffle - 14k yellow gold with emerald and diamonds (\$375 value) drawing at 8pm. 20% off all in-stock jewelry thru Dec. 24th.

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4:00 - 8:00 **Mt. Mann, 57 Main Street** - Make Your Own Mica Ornament: All you need is to bring your imagination! Cost is \$1 per ornament. Maine Gemstone Pendant raffle (\$350) retail value. Drawing for raffle at the end of the evening.

4:00 - 8:00 **True North Adventureware, 196 Walkers Mills Road** - Open House, refreshments, in-store specials, use our free wrapping paper!

Entertainment

4:00 - **Jade's** - Jewel Clark - solo musician. Stop by for in-shop specials.

4:00 - **Sassafras** - Wendy Green - solo musician

4:00 - **True North** - Ross Timberlake - solo musician

4:00 - 8:00 - **Mouse & Bean** - Jim McLaughlin - solo musician

4:30 - **Cafe DiCocoa** (house) - Bethel Community Players

5:00 - **Linda Clifford** - Conn St. Pierre - Celtic harp

5:30 - **Sudbury Inn** - The Senior Players - reading "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas

6:00 - **The Victoria Inn** - Lynn Arizz on piano & Christmas carols

6:30 - **S. S. Milton** - Kathleen DeVores & Meredith Mink - flutists. 4-6pm Early Bird Special from \$8.95! Complimentary hot apple cider or eggnog with each entrée.

7:00 - **Brooks Bros.** - Jewel Clark, Donny Katlin & Ross Timberlake

7:00 - 9:00 **Jolly Drayman** - Nancy Ray Celtic Musician

7:30 - **Cafe DiCocoa** (market) - Amy & Wendy Green

8:00 - 10:00 - **Funky Red Barn** - Community Dance with Ten Point Stump - live band

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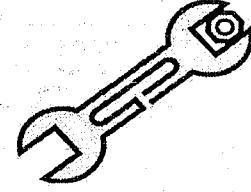
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*From*Western Maine University and Community College Center

Starting Jan. 12, 2009, Western Maine University and Community College Center (WMUCC) in South Paris will offer more than 20 courses for social service providers onsite, online, and via interactive television and two-way videoconferencing. Course titles include:

Introduction to Social Service Systems, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Child Mental Health, Fundamentals of Community Practice and Involvement, Chemical Dependency, Case Management, Sexual Abuse and Trauma, Chemical Dependency Counseling, Psycho-social Rehabilitation, Crisis Counseling, Adolescent Psychology, Human Development, Social Psychology, Psychology of Motivation,

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In addition to the availability of courses, the University of Maine at Augusta offers certificate programs: Child and Youth Care Practitioner, Gerontology, Human Services, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation, and Mental Health Rehabilitation Technician, plus the Associate of Arts in Social Services and Bachelor of Science in Mental Health and Human Services degrees.

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For more information about courses, certificates and degrees in the field of social services, or to register, visit www.learn.maine.edu or contact Nikki Abbott at 743-9322 today.

*From*Western Foothills Land Trust

The tax benefits for conservation easement donations are exceedingly favorable for landowners, and especially for farmers. The conservation tax incentives are guaranteed through 2009; the Land Trust Alliance is working to make these favorable changes permanent.

If you would like information about conservation easement tax incentives, call the Western Foothills Land Trust at 739-2124 or go to the Land Trust Alliance website: www.lta.org/policy/tax-policy.



ROTARY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—About 90 seniors turned out in snowy weather Tuesday for the annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. Here, Rotarian Bruce Powell visits with diners.

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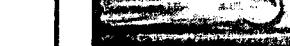
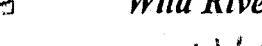
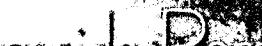
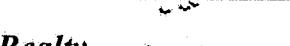
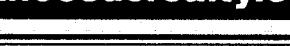
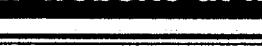
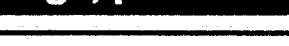
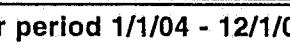
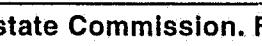
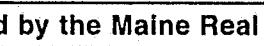
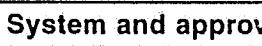
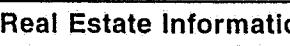
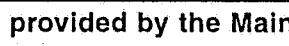
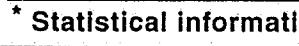
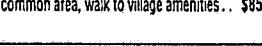
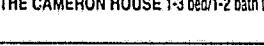
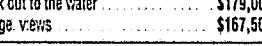
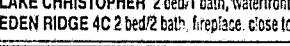
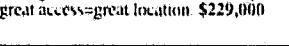
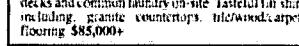
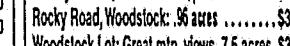
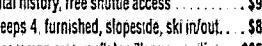
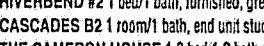
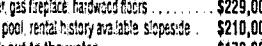
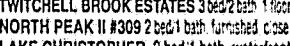
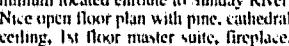
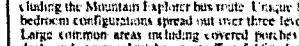
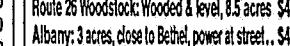
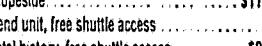
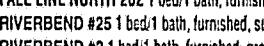
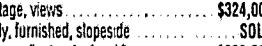
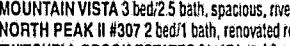
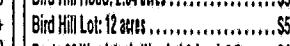
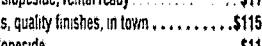
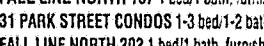
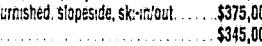
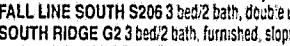
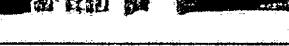
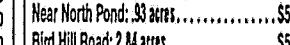
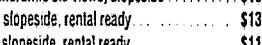
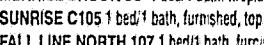
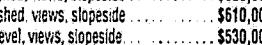
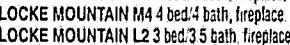
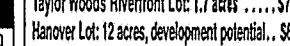
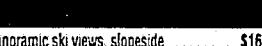
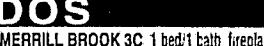
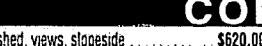
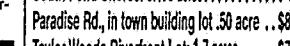
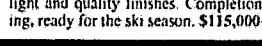
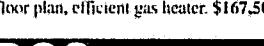
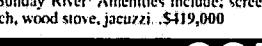
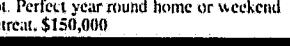
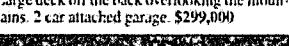
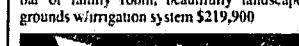
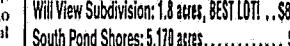
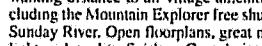
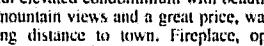
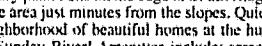
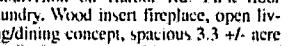
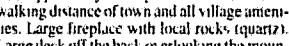
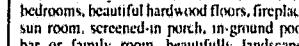
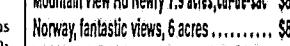
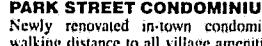
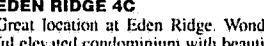
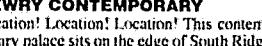
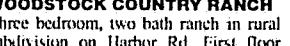
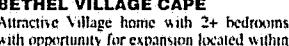
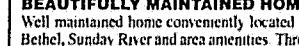
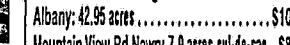
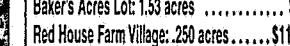
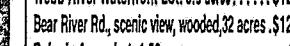
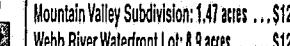
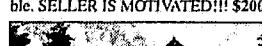
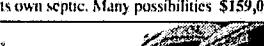
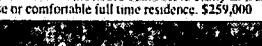
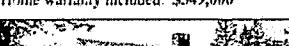
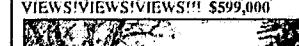
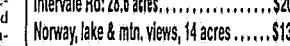
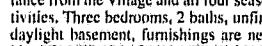
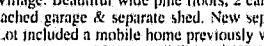
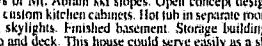
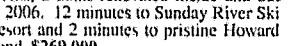
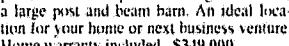
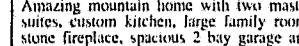
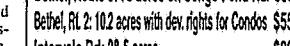
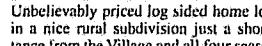
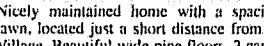
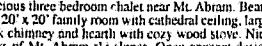
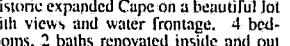
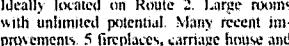
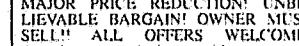
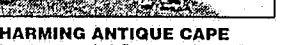
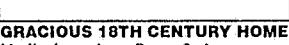
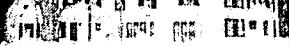
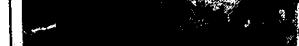
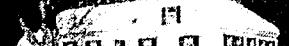
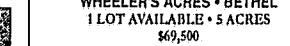
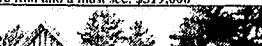
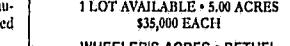
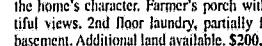
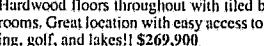
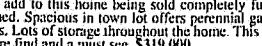
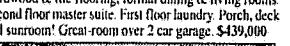
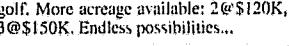
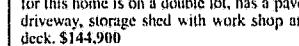
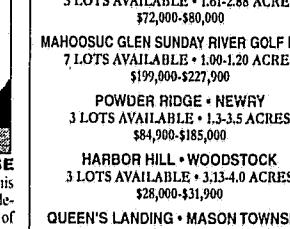
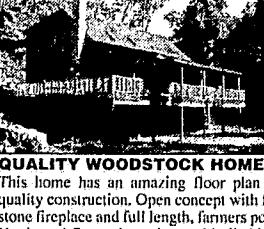
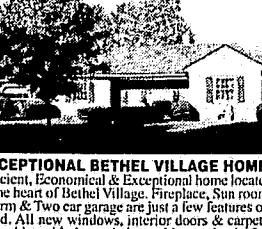
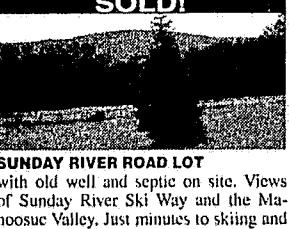
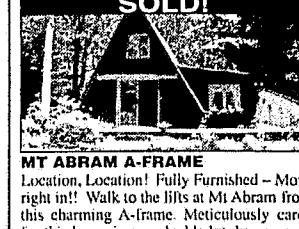
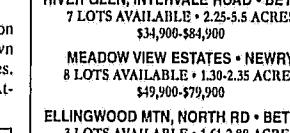
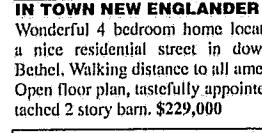
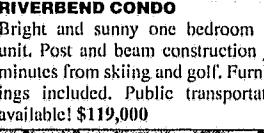
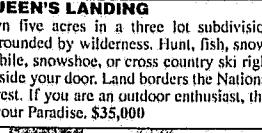
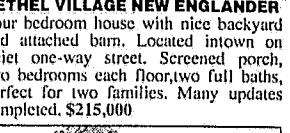
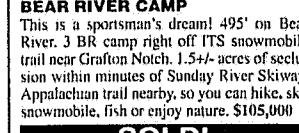
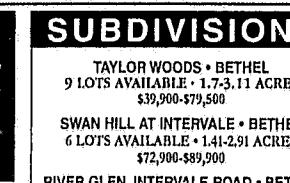
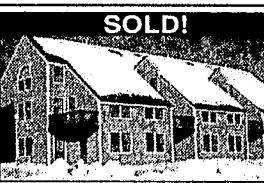
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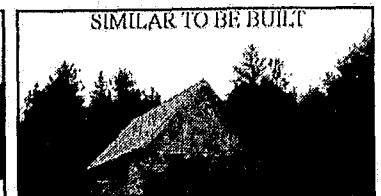
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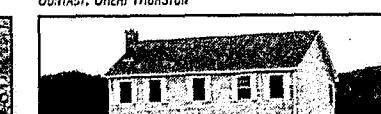
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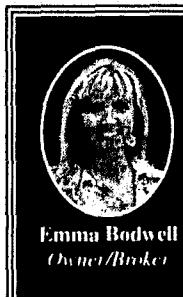
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HEATHER J. FLEET

Heather Jeannine Fleet, 24, of Manchester, N.H., died Nov. 28, 2008 at her home.

Heather was born in Manchester on May 25, 1984, the daughter of Tammy L. Fleet. She resided in Manchester for the past five years, formerly living in Derry, N.H.

In her short time with us, she had accomplished more than most. While growing up she made many friends while playing soccer, softball and basketball. She loved to travel and enjoyed seeing places like Costa Rica, Switzerland, England and Brunei Malaysia. She loved the beach, sports, motorcycles and bunnies.

Heather is survived by her mother of Derry, N.H.; brother, Jason Foote of Derry, N.H.; uncles, Jeff and wife Sheila Fleet of Hanover, Marshall and wife Brenda Fleet of Mason Township; Alan Fleet and companion Ann Friedlander of Newry; aunt, Penny and husband Neil Cadogan of Ayer, Mass.; great-grandmother, Isabelle Rolfe of Waterford. She was pre-deceased by her grand-parents, Jeanine and David Fleet of Newry; great-grandfather, Marshall Rolfe of Waterford. She will be missed by her many cousins and friends who loved her very much.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Sunday River Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the NHSPCA-SOS Fund, P.O. Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885.


MELBURN F. HUTCHINS

Melburn F. "Hutch" Hutchins, age 81, of Hanover, Maine, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris, following a long illness.

He was born in Kingfield, Maine on Dec. 19, 1926, a son of Emmons and Gelia (Weymouth) Hutchins.

Melburn was a graduate of Strong High School Class of 1946. He was employed for over 25 years with Boise Cascade; prior to this he was employed with Foster Toothpick Factory, and was also a heavy equipment operator for the rebuilding of Route 2 where he met his future wife to be.

Melburn served in the US Army during WWII. He was a member of Pleasant Valley Bible Church in West Bethel and was active in the Awana Youth Group. He was instrumental in designing the racetrack, which was used in many area churches.

Melburn was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and a 20-year member of the American Legion Post 24, and a 10-year volunteer with Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice.

He was a talented woodcrafter and made therapeutic devices and games for rehabilitating patients.

Melburn enjoyed his weekly card-playing night with his Hanover friends. He also enjoyed his daily trips to McDonald's for coffee with his beloved wife, Rose, and their mill friends.

Melburn enjoyed beekeeping, farming, hunting, gardening, fishing, cooking and passed on his love of these hobbies to his children and grandchildren.

He will be remembered by all who knew him as a quiet, humble and witty person. No tears just cheers. The family wishes to express their gratitude for the special care given to Melburn by the staff at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rose (Veillette) Hutchins; daughters, Rae Ann Hutchins Luce and husband Ralph of Strong, Debra Swan and husband Bruce of Springfield, Maine, Olivia Morrell and husband Donald of Belgrade, Maureen Abbott and husband Tim of Phillips, and Gail Worcester and husband William of Hanover; a sister, Dorothy Curtis and husband Wayne of Vassalboro; two brothers, Clinton Hutchins and wife Goudrun of Pownal, Vt., and Richard Hutchins of Portland; sixteen grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, and a sister, Emmonzene Hutchins.

Graveside services will be held at St. John Cemetery in the spring. If so desired contributions in his memory may be made to Western Maine Veteran's Advisory Committee, 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281.

SALLY ANNE WOOD
Sally Anne Bamforth Wood, 75, a longtime summer resident of Greenwood went to be with her Lord on Dec. 2, 2008 following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Waltham, Mass., on May 30, 1933 the daughter of the late Ethel M. (Paul) Bamforth and Charles S. Bamforth. Sally was one of eight children.

Sally had been a longtime resident of Wayland, Mass., before retiring to the Villages at Lady Lake, Fla., during the winter and enjoyed returning to Maine during the summer. She married her high school sweetheart, the late Ronald F. Wood, and together raised their six children in Wayland. Her son, Jeffrey G. Wood, died in October of 1977. She loved cooking, golfing, and traveling in the motor home and especially cruising. Sally enjoyed summering in Greenwood, Maine with her family since 1962. During her many summers here she made quite a few good friends who will remember her fondly.

She is survived by her long-time companion Frank Boissey of Lady Lake, Fla.; her loving and devoted children, Wendy Blair and her companion Norman Roy of Greenwood; Kenneth Wood and his wife Marjorie of Natick, Mass., Rhondalyn LaMarca of Manchester, N.H., Sarah Halkiotis and her husband Paul of Marshfield, Mass., Paul Wood and his wife Holly of Claremont, N.H. She was stepmother of Robert Boissey of Malone, N.Y., Maryellen Hayes of Glenmont, N.Y., Jacqueline Taylor of Fruitland Park, Fla., Susan Croteau of Fruitland Park, Fla., and Michelle King of Lady Lake, Fla. She was the sister of John Bamforth of Georgetown, Del., Bonnie Quartermaine of Surprise, Ariz., and Marjorie Cain of South Carolina. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was the sister of the late Paul, Charles, Marion and Priscilla.

A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008 at 2 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, corner of Route 27 and Damon Street, Cochituate Village, Wayland, Mass. Interment in Lakeview Cemetery will be private.

In lieu of flowers her family suggests memorial gifts in her memory be sent to the Jeff Wood Memorial Fund, c/o Community United Methodist Church, 5 Damon Street, Wayland, MA 01778 or to Hospice of Marion County, POB 4860,

ny. They saw Jessie Owens win his four gold medals.

Following college graduation, she worked as a social worker in the Lewiston area. In 1938 she married Daniel Wight of Newry and lived in Rumford until ill health forced her to become a resident of Ledgeview.

During her life in Rumford, she participated in many community activities. She loved to read and travel. She and Dan took several trips abroad with friends to places like Hawaii, Western Canada, and Europe. Her reading contributed to her being a long-time member of the Rumford Public Library Board. She was treasurer for many years in her family's business, J.A. Thurston Inc. which manufactured hardwood dowels. She finally retired at the age of 84.

She is survived by her son, Eric and his wife Karen of Bethel; grandson, Nathan and his wife Debbie of Bethel; and great-grandchildren, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Katie; granddaughter, Jennifer Grover and husband Lawrence of Mason Township and two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Kurtis.

She was predeceased by her parents and her stepmother, Florence; her husband Dan in 1999, her son Kevin in 1978 and her brother Murray on Nov. 25, 2008.

There will be no funeral or calling hours. A private family memorial will be held sometime later. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Friends of the Rumford Library, Rumford Public Library, 58 Rumford Avenue, Rumford, ME 04276 in her memory. Any donation received will be used to help support the Kevin Wight memorial section of the library. E-mail condolences may be sent to meaderfh@gwi.net.

ROSLIE T. WIGHT

Mrs. Rosalie Thurston Wight, 94, died Sunday Dec. 7, 2008 at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris where she had resided for three years.

She was born in Bethel, the daughter of Paul and Elsie (Hall) Thurston. Rosalie was a graduate of Gould Academy in 1933 and Simmons College Class of 1937. During her years at Gould and Simmons, she was fortunate to attend two historically significant events. In 1933 she traveled with her father and a group by boat and train to Washington and attended the first inauguration and Inaugural Ball of FDR. In 1936 she and a Simmons' classmate traveled to Europe on the Queen Mary where they toured Europe by train and attended the Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany.

Graveside services will be held at St. John Cemetery in the spring. If so desired contributions in his memory may be made to Western Maine Veteran's Advisory Committee, 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281.

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